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EDUCATION

Ph.D. The University of Chicago (Chicago, IL): Divinity (religion), 2019
Dissertation: “Conscripting Tradition: Islam, Confucianism, Modernity”

Committee: Hussein Ali Agrama (Chair); Ahmed El Shamsy; Brook Ziporyn

M.A. The University of Chicago (Chicago, IL): Divinity (religion), 2011

B.A. Boston University (Boston, MA): History, Philosophy, and Religion, *magna cum laude*, History, philosophy and religion, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

“Guides to Faith: Conscripting Education and Islamic Thought,” *Comparative Islamic Studies* 12 no. 1 (2019), forthcoming.

“Distinguishing Companions: Mixed-Confession Education, the Minority Question, and Islamic Thought,” *Sociology of Islam* memorial issue for Saba Mahmood, accepted for publication with revision, 2019.

Review of Kristian Petersen, *Interpreting Islam in China: Pilgrimage, Scripture, and Language in the Han Kitāb*, in *Marginalia Review of Books*, revised and under review, 2019.

Review of Wael B. Hallaq, *Restating Orientalism: A Critique of Modern Knowledge*, in *Journal of Religion*, review requested, 2019.

““Love” and “Punishment” for Muslim Others,” *Contending Modernities*, April 18, 2018.

“Guides to Faith: Conscripting Education and Islamic Thought,” manuscript under review, *Comparative Islamic Studies*.

“Rethinking Blasphemy in Indonesia and Fiqh Tradition,” *Sightings*, June 8, 2017.

“The Politics of Muslim Visibility in *Master of None*,” *Religion Dispatches*, June 25, 2017.

Review of James D. Frankel, *Rectifying God’s Name: Liu Zhi’s Confucian Translation of Monotheism and Islamic Law*, in *Journal of Religion*, October 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Reading Cultures | College of the University of Chicago | Winter 2019; Spring 2019

Taught course on contemporary literature and critical theory. Supplemented and presented syllabus from college humanities core. Topics include poetry, prose, and exposition, US history in global context, global economic and environmental change.

Contemporary Chinese Thought | University of Chicago Graham School | Fall 2018

Developed and taught course on radicalism, nationalism, and the reform and revivification of Chinese traditions. Topics also include Chinese history and modern literature and visual arts.

Introduction to Islam | St. Francis College | Fall 2017

Developed and taught course on religious thought and practice in global and historical variety. Topics include the Qur'an and Prophetic tradition, theology and philosophy, mysticism and jurisprudence, and globalization and modernity.

Qur'ānic Arabic | St. Francis College | Fall 2017

Developed and taught course on Arabic orthography, transliteration, vocabulary, morphology, syntax, prosody, rhetoric through the Qur'ān, Prophetic tradition, and sources of classical Islamic tradition. Topics also include Qur'ān recitation and text-criticism.

Religion in East Asia | Center for Life and Learning | Winter 2017

Developed and taught course on Confucianism, Buddhism, and other religions in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. Focuses include social and intellectual history, devotional practice, and modernity.

Introduction to Islam | Admiral Community | Winter 2017

Developed and taught course on religious thought and practice in global and historical variety. Topics include the Qur'an and Prophetic tradition, theology and philosophy, mysticism and jurisprudence, and globalization and modernity.

Gender, Sexuality, and Islamic Traditions | College of the University of Chicago | Spring 2016

Co-developed and co-taught course on religious thought, social history, and contemporary theory. Topics include Islamic law, mysticism and other,

colonialism and postcolonialism, human and non-human genders, and sexuality and governance.

Islam and the West | University of Chicago Graham School | Spring 2016

Developed and taught course on history of Muslim-Christian relations, colonialism and postcolonialism, reform and revival, and secularism and the security state.

Introduction to Islam | University of Illinois at Chicago | Fall 2015

Developed and taught course on religious thought and practice in global and historical variety. Topics include the Qur'an and Prophetic tradition, theology and philosophy, mysticism and jurisprudence, and globalization and modernity.

Introduction to Islam | University of Chicago Graham School | Fall 2015

Developed and taught course on religious thought and practice in global and historical variety. Topics include the Qur'an and Prophetic tradition, theology and philosophy, mysticism and jurisprudence, and globalization and modernity.

Writing Intern

Reading Cultures | College of the University of Chicago | Spring 2018; Winter 2018; Spring 2017; Winter 2017

Prepared and taught supplemental and review lessons for students of core curriculum class. Lectured on argumentative writing, rhetorical structure, academic convention, style, and grammar.

Human Being and Citizen | College of the University of Chicago | Fall 2016

Prepared and taught supplemental and review lessons for students of core curriculum class. Lectured on argumentative writing, rhetorical structure, academic convention, style, and grammar.

Teaching Assistant

History of Modern China 1 | Teaching Assistant | Spring 2013

Lectured on intellectual history, advised student writing, graded exams and compositions.

Introduction to Chinese Civilization | Teaching Assistant | Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Summer 2017

Lectured on intellectual history, advised student writing, graded exams and compositions.

PRESENTATIONS

Presented papers

“Islamic Thought Among Others: The Confucian Ethics of Wang Daiyu” Islamic Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, March, 2019.

“Propaedeutics in Practice: Pedagogies of Islamic Law” International Institute for Islamic Thought Summer Seminar, July, 2018.

“The Category of Religion and Chinese Traditions” Northeast/Midwest Chinese Thought Conference, University of Connecticut, April, 2018.

“Questioning Chinese Tradition” Midwest Chinese Thought conference, University of Indiana, April, 2017.

“Spirits of Civilization: Religion and Difference in Modern China” Asian Studies Development Program conference, Portland, March 2017.

“Learning and Difference: Mixed-Confession Education and Islamic Thought” Midwest American Academy of Religion annual conference, Ball State University, March 2017.

“Learning for All: Education and Minority Questions in Egypt” Middle East History and Theory conference, University of Chicago, May 2016.

“Conscripting Tradition: Knowledge, Sovereignty, and Education Reform in Modern Egypt”. Buffett Institute Islam and the Modern State Conference, Northwestern University, April, 2016.

“Modernizing Islamic Education in Egypt”. Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, April 2016.

“Politics of Intimacy: Islam, Personal Status Law and the Minority Question.” Islamic Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, December 2015.

“State, Subject, and Tradition: Education and Personal Status in Modern China”. Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Chicago, March 2015.

“Demands of Progress: Tradition, Modernity and Education in Egypt and China” Islamic Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2014.

“Demands of Progress: Postcolonial Theory and the Idea of Tradition in Modern

Egypt". American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Baltimore, November 2013.

"Knowledge and Duty in Decolonization: Public Law and Religious Education in Reformist Egypt". Middle East History and Theory conference, University of Chicago, May 2013.

"Reasoning Distinctions: The Boundaries of Discourses and the Critique of Secularism". Middle East History and Theory conference, University of Chicago, May 2012.

"'Orthodoxy' and its Discontents: Understanding Ibn Taymiyya's Claims to Privileged Discourse". McGill University Institute of Islamic Studies Graduate Student Symposium, April 2012.

Invited presentations, moderating, and responses

"Harmony Under Heaven? The Politics of Religion in Modern China", invited for University of Chicago Professional Advancement and Training for Humanities Scholars Public Lecture, June 2019

"Teaching Religion and Violence" organizer and panel chair, Midwest American Academy of Religion, March, 2018.

"Tradition and Progressive Power: Modernizing Islamic Education in Egypt", Academic Faculty Lecture, 2017, American Islamic College, October, 2017.

"Will We Talk About ISIS?: Teaching Middle East History Today" panelist, May 2016.

"Religion(?) in East Asia", University of Chicago 101 series, May 2016.

Discussant of Katherine Rhone, "Financing Freedoms?: Legacies of Socioeconomic Reform in Islam". Islamic Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2015.

Moderator and discussant of "State-Building and National Fragments in the 20th Century" Panel. Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, May 2015.

"Islamic Law 101" Invited presentation in University of Chicago 101 series, January 2015.

Discussant of Eduardo Manzano, "The Role of the *Umma* in the Institutional Configuration of Early Islam". Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2014.

QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

“Islam and Modern Power” with Hussein Ali Agrama

“Islamic Law” with Ahmed El Shamsy

“Modernity and Chinese Traditions” with Guy Alitto and Brook Ziporyn

“Anthropology of Religion” with Alireza Doostdar

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Summer Institute for Scholars, International Institute for Islamic Thought, 2018

Certification in the Craft of Teaching, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2017

NEH Confucian Asia: Traditions and Transformations seminar, University of Hawai'i, 2016

Martin Marty Fellowship, University of Chicago 2015-2016

Connaught Summer Institute for Islamic Studies, University of Toronto 2013

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Taiwan Ministry of Education (for the 2011 study of traditional Mandarin Chinese Tunghai University Taichung, Taiwan)

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) US Dept. of Education (for the study of modern standard Arabic and Islamic texts in classical Arabic, Arabic Language Institute, Fez, Morocco), 2010

Scholastic Residence, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2011-present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Student Parent Writing Group Co-chair | University of Chicago Council for Advanced Studies | Fall 2016-Spring 2016

Mediated university and student organizations childcare support needs
Advocated for student parents accommodations and support

Coordinated with academic and student organizations to develop and publicize programs

Managed annual budget to fund events

Islamic Studies Workshop Coordinator | University of Chicago Council for Advanced Studies | Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Organized bi-weekly meetings focusing on faculty student presentations and responses on religious life in the Islamic world

Arranged schedules of presentations and responses, inviting and hosting outside faculty

Supported conferences, seminars and student mentoring

Coordinated with academic and student organizations to develop and publicize programs

Managed \$4,000 annual budget to fund all events

Islamic Studies Club Chair | University of Chicago Divinity School Students Association | Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Founded Islamic studies club

Organized schedule of paper presentations, film screenings and social events

LANGUAGES

Arabic: fluent in modern standard, translation proficiency in classical

Chinese: fluent in Mandarin, translation proficiency in literary

French: fluent in modern

German: research proficiency

FIELD RESEARCH

Research associate assisting Tao Ran, Renmin University of China Department of Economics, 2010 Interviewed parents of Xinxin Elementary School for migrant workers' children, Beijing, China Assisted quantitative surveys of migrant workers' children and families, Anhui province, China.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING

English Teacher | Real Life English | Beijing, China | 2008 – 09

Prepared and taught classes for adult professional students' needs and from set curriculum

Designed curricula for corporate clients including Capital Medical University and Baker and McKenzie

Tutored individual students in writing, reading, speaking and listening

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Asian Studies. Member since 2014.

American Institute for Maghrib Studies. Member since 2013.

American Academy of Religion. Member since 2012.

REFERENCES

Professor Hussein Ali Agrama

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Professor Ahmed El Shamsy

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