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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Rutgers Law School, Camden, NJ

Associate Professor of Law 2020 - present

Assistant Professor of Law 2017-2020

- Courses:** Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure-Investigations; Islamic Law; Police, Prisons & Protest
- Committees:** Appointments (2018-20), Faculty Colloquium (2018-22), Non-JD Programs (2017-18), Diversity & Inclusion Working Group (2018-19), Chancellor's Diversity Strategic Planning Committee (2021)
- Service:** Mary Philbrook Selection Committee, Social Justice Mentor
- Leadership:** *Regional Scholar*, University of Pennsylvania Middle East Center (2021-present)
Chair, Islamic Law Section-AALS (2019-20) and *Vice-Chair* (2018-2019)
Member, Annual Meeting Committee of the American Society of Int'l Law (ASIL)(2020-2021)
- Awards:** Professor of the Year (2020 and 2021), Grand Marshall (2019), Reader (2022)
Wallace Johnson Fellowship for First Book Authors, *American Society for Legal History* (2019-2020)

Stanford Humanities Center – Stanford University, Stanford, CA

External Faculty Fellow 2022-2023

One of nine fellows selected from 260 applicants to complete work on book about collective duties.

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA

George Sharswood Fellow 2015-2017

- Courses:** Federal Criminal Law, Jihad and the Law of Armed Conflict, National Security Law

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania (Graduate School of Arts & Sciences), Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D. (Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations) 2018

M.A. (Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations) 2011

Dissertation: *Collective Duties (farḍ kifāya) in Islamic Law: The Moral Community, State Authority and Ethical Speculation in the Premodern Period*

M.A. Thesis: *The Qur'ān and its Stylistics: An Annotated Translation of Muḥāsibī's Fahm al-Qur'ān*

- Awards:** Harry F. Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
J.R. Khoury Fellowship
Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) Fellowship (Damascus, Syria)
Janet Lee Stevens Award in Arabic & Islamic Studies

Georgetown University, Washington, DC
M.A. (Liberal Studies/International Affairs) 2009
Thesis: Jihād of the Wretched: Examining Islamic Militancy through the Thought of Frantz Fanon

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA
Juris Doctor (J.D.) 2008
Team Leader, Criminal Law Research Group (Maldivian Penal Code)
Presidential Fellow, Salzburg Global Seminar (Salzburg, Austria)
Associate Editor, *Journal of Labor and Employment Law*
Visiting Scholar, Center for Excellence in Public Law & Human Rights (Tehran, Iran)

Emory University, Atlanta, GA
B.A. (Religion & Anthropology) 2000

Non-Degree Certificate Programs

Damascus University, Damascus, Syria	2002, 2007-2008
Qasid Institute for Classical Arabic, Amman, Jordan (summer)	2006
Sana'a Institute for Arabic Language, Sana'a, Yemen (summer)	2005
Al-Mawrid Institute, Lahore, Pakistan	2002-2003
Arabic Language Institute of Fez, Fez, Morocco (summer)	2000

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Chapters

The Reasonableness of Fleeing (work-in-progress)

Magical Crimes (work-in-progress)

Duties to the Collective: Islamic Law, Jurists and the Search for Cohesion, 945 to 1258 CE (book project)

Territory and Jurisdiction in the Medieval Islamic World, CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF INT'L LAW, VOL. 8, INT'L LAW IN THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC WORLD, ed. Intisar Rabb and Umut Özsü (Cambridge University Press) (forthcoming 2023)

Belief as Status: Islamic Law and the Martyr Quandary, AM. J. LEGAL HISTORY (forthcoming 2023)

Human Rights Norms from Below, YALE J. INT'L L. (forthcoming 2022)

Jurisdiction over Jihad: Islamic Law & Its Duty to Fight, 120 W. VA. L. REV. 427 (2017)

Revolutionary Islamic Jurisprudence: A Restatement of the Arab Spring, 49 N.Y.U.J. INT'L L. & POL. 43 (2017)

Codifying Shari'a: International Norms, Legality & Freedom to Invent New Forms, 2 J. COMP. L. 1 (2007) (Co-authored with Paul H. Robinson et. al)

Of Neocolonialism, Common Law and Uncodifiable Shari'a: A Reply to Professor An-Na'im, 2 J. COMP. L. 61 (2007) (Co-authored with Paul H. Robinson)

Religious Sanctification of Labor Law: Islamic Labor Principles and Model Provisions, 9 J. Bus. L. 421 (2007)

Essays and Editorials

The Immorality of Incarceration: Between Javed Ghāmidī and Angela Davis, J. ISLAMIC L. [Harvard] (forthcoming 2022)

The Dominion of Rights, the Resistance of Duties, RUTGERS J. L. & REL. (forthcoming 2022)

Pursuing Over-Criminalization at the Expense of Islamic law, 1 J. ISLAMIC L. [Harvard] 1, 189-93 (2020), <https://journalofislamiclaw.com/current/article/view/zulfiqar>

Prisons, Abolition & Islamic Thought, HARVARD ISLAMIC LAW BLOG (Oct. 29, 2020)

Islamic Jurisprudence for Revolution, HARVARD ISLAMIC LAW BLOG (Oct. 22, 2020)

The Modern Transformation of the Duty to Fight, HARVARD ISLAMIC LAW BLOG (Oct. 15, 2020)

Collective Duties (farḍ kifāya) in Islamic Law, HARVARD ISLAMIC LAW BLOG (Oct. 8, 2020)

Ghāmidī, Jāved Aḥmad, in OXFORD ENCY. OF ISLAM & L., Oxford Islamic Studies Online (Jonathan Brown et al.)

Syria's Next Problem, THE DIPLOMAT (Dec. 22, 2012)

Which Islamists: Religion and the Syrian Civil War, RELIGION DISPATCHES (Dec. 19, 2012)

India Must Be Included, THE WASHINGTON TIMES (Nov. 13, 2009)

Debate Afghan War Goals, Then Select Strategy, THE JAPAN TIMES (Nov. 7, 2009)

PRESENTATIONS (select)

"Post-Colonial Iterations of Law and Religion in the Global South," Donald C. Clark, Jr. Keynote Lecture, Rutgers Journal of Law & Religion Annual Symposium, Camden, NJ, March 25, 2022

"Human Rights Norms from Below," Faculty Workshop, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA [Virtual], March 2, 2022

"Magical Crimes," Virtual Criminal Law Workshop, January 2, 2022

"Digital Islamic Law: Fatwas in the Age of Covid," The World Muslim Communities Council (TWMCC), Abu Dhabi (UAE) [Virtual], March 13, 2021

"The Caliph's *Jihād*," International and Comparative Law Workshop, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, Nov 2, 2020

"Mapping Legal Responses to Covid-19: The Case of Islamic Law," Ali Vural AK Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, August 7, 2020

"Rules of Resistance: Jihad, Colonialism and the Revolutionary Order," Law & Society Association Conference [Virtual], May 30, 2020

"Necessarily Abolitionist? Prison and Punishment in Contemporary Islamic Legal Discourse," Islamic Law and the Idea of Mass Incarceration, AALS Conference, Washington, DC, Jan. 5, 2020

"Belief as Status: Legal Obligation, Blasphemy and the Boundaries of Moral Community," Status and Justice in Law, Religion and Society Conference, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA, November 3, 2019

"Socializing Societies: Indigenizing Human Rights," John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop, Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC, July 20, 2019

“The Reasonableness of Fleeing,” CrimFest 2019, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY, July 16, 2019

“Indigenizing Human Rights,” Religion & Public Life in Africa and the Americas Symposium, Weatherhead Center for Int’l Affairs. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 18, 2019

“Socializing Societies: Indigenizing Human Rights,” International Law Symposium, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, April 2, 2019

“Socializing Societies: Indigenizing Human Rights,” Faculty Workshop, University of Arizona Law School, Tuscon, AZ, March 28, 2019

“Islamic Law, Refugees and Asylum,” AALS Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2019

“Collective Obligations in Premodern Islamic Law,” Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations Fall Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 19, 2018

“Merging Normative Universes: Obligation, Rights and Jurists in Pursuit of Justice,” Islamic Jurisprudence, Civil Rights and Social Justice, AALS Conference, San Diego, CA, Jan. 5, 2018

“Before Violence: Jihad and the Question of Competent Authority,” Governance and Violence in Islamic Law Workshop, USPPIP Project, University of Exeter, Exeter, U.K., Nov. 24, 2017

“Violent Necessity: Enacting Jihad in the Colonial Era,” American Society for Legal History, Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 28, 2017

“Law and Violence,” *Journal of Law and Religion* Symposium, United Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN, Oct. 20, 2017

“The Arab Autumn: Shi’i Jurists, Revolution and the Discourse on Rights,” Law & Society Association Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, January 20, 2017

“Modern Constitutionalism and ‘Islamic’ Penal Codes: A Case Study of the Maldives,” AALS Joint Program Panel on Comparative Constitutional Law in South Asia, San Francisco, CA, January 6, 2017

“Islamic Law’s Duty to Fight: Claiming Jurisdiction over Jihād,” International and Comparative Law Workshop, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, September 21, 2016

“Islamic Law & the Duty to Fight: States, Non-State Actors and Jihād’s Evolution,” Law & Society Association, New Orleans, LA, June 2, 2016

“Revolutionary Jurisprudence: Islamic Legal Reasoning in the Arab Spring,” Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, March 1, 2016

“The Free Exercise of Faith: American Courts, Secular Constitutions and the Sharī‘a,” Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan, March 3, 2014

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Arabic, Urdu

Proficient in Persian, Punjabi

Reading knowledge of French, German & Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE

Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, Philadelphia, PA
Commissioner (mayoral appointment), 2021-present

International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Philadelphia, PA
Consultant (Somali Penal Code), 2016-2017

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Malé, Maldives
International Legal Consultant (Maldivian Penal Code), 2014-2015

Truman National Security Project, Washington, DC and Turkey/Syria
Research Fellow (Democracy & Human Rights Initiative), 2012-2013

Hogan Lovells, LLP, Washington, DC
Associate (Investigations, White Collar & Fraud), 2012-2014; *Summer Associate*, 2009

Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, New York, NY
Summer Associate, 2005

Hon. Ivan L. R. Lemelle, U.S. District Court, E. D. of LA, New Orleans, LA
Judicial Extern, 2004

Legal Resources Centre, Pretoria, South Africa
Summer Associate, 2004

United States Senate, Office of U.S. Senator Max Cleland (D-GA), Washington, DC
Legislative Staffer & Personal Aide, 2000-2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admission: Maryland and the District of Columbia (D.C.)

Editor, SHARIASource (Harvard Law School)

Editorial Board, Arab Law Quarterly, 2017-2021

Legal Advisory Committee, ACLU-PA (Philadelphia Office)

Board of Directors, The Merchant's Fund, Interfaith Philadelphia, Sapelo Square & Millions of Conversations

Fellow, Truman National Security Project