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EDUCATION

- 2020 PhD in Islamic Civilizations Studies, Emory University, (August 2020).
Dissertation title: *This Human Truth, Seek It in Yourself: The Islamic Humanism of ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Jīlī (1365-1428)*.
- 2020 Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies from the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University, (August 2020). Completed Documentary Film Project: *Bukharan Jews: Memories of a Disappearing Past*.
- 2013 M.A. in International Studies, University of Wyoming, Thesis: *Muslim Views on Christianity and Judaism in Uzbekistan: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*.
- 2004 M.Ed. Higher Education Administration, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University.
- 1998 Five Year Higher Education Diploma in Oriental Philology, Namangan State University, Uzbekistan, 1998. Thesis: *Humanistic Views in Rumī’s Mathnawī*.
- 1996-1997 Arabic Language Training, The School of Humanities, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 “Embracing Humanity in the Cases of Central Asian Sufi Chivalry,” *Islam and Humanitarianism: Interdisciplinary Inquiries on Islamic Forms of Aid*, The Maydan’s Islamic Thought Publication, George Mason University (forthcoming).
- 2020 “Islamic Legal Hypocrisy: Comparison of Application of Abrogation (*Naskh*) to Marriage and Intoxicants,” the article in submission to *Middle Eastern Studies*.
- 2019 “Soteriology in ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Jīlī’s Islamic Humanism,” *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies*, Indiana University Press, Vol. 4, No. 2 (November 2019), 114-121.

- 2017 with Donohon Abdugafurova, and Beverly Moran “Islamic Feminism and Invisible Work: The Case of Disappearing Daughter in-Law,” *The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*, XIX. 1 (2017): 43-60.
- 2018 Four entries on Christianity in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, in the *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*, Ed. by Mark A. Lamport, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.
- 2016 with Beverly Moran, “Islamic Law and Elder Care in the Central Asian *Edgen* System,” *Journal of Law and Religion* 31, no. 2, (2016): 197-211.
- 2016 “Religiosity beyond Cities: Kolkhozes as Bases for Muslim Networks and Cultures,” for *Migration, Destalinisation, Privatization and the New Muslim Congregations in the Soviet Realm (1950s-200s)* ed. by Stéphane Dudoignon and Christian Noack (Berlin: Klaus Schwarz Verlag, 2014), *Central Asian Affairs* 3 (2016) 287-300.
- 2015 with Beverly Moran, “Are Muslims Obligated to Engage in Holy War?” *FIU Religion and Law Review* 11, no. 3, (2015): 3-17.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020 Post-doctoral fellow in Islamic Legal Studies, Senior lecturer and Senior Fellow in Law and Religion, Deputy Director of the Law and Islam Program, Emory University Law School, (since August 2020).
- 2020 Instructor of Summer Undergraduate Research Ethics (SURE) program, at Emory University’s Office for Undergraduate Research Programs, (Course number: ECAS_SURE_Remote_2020).
- 2019-2020 Instructor of the Scholarly Integrity and Research at Emory University’s Office for Undergraduate Research Programs, (Course number: SIRE:299).
- 2019 Teaching Assistant for “the Islamic West: Spain, North Africa, and Sicily, 600-1600” course, taught by Vincent Cornell, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University.
- 2019 Instructor of Arabic, StarTalk Program, the US Department of Defense funded Program, Oxford College of Emory University, (summer term).
- 2019 Instructor of “Afghanistan and Central Asia” course, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University, (Course number: 366).
- 2014-2017 Instructor of Arabic, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University, (Courses taught: Arabic 101 and 102).

- 2017-2020 Copyeditor of the Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies, Indiana University Press.
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, History and Practice of Christian-Muslim Relations, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (Course number: World Religions-698).
- 2015 Instructor of Arabic, Oxford College, Emory University (Course taught: Arabic 102).
- 2011-2013 Instructor of Arabic, University of Wyoming (Courses taught: Arabic 101 and 102).
- 2009-2011 Instructor of English and Arabic, Broad Horizons Non-Governmental Educational Organization, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- 2006-2008 Instructor of English, Namangan Institute of Engineering and Economics, Namangan, Uzbekistan.
- 2004-2006 Instructor of Arabic and English Languages, School of Foreign Languages, Namangan State University.
- 1998-2002 Instructor of Arabic and English Languages, School of Foreign Languages, Namangan State University.

PAPERS PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Muslim Responses to COVID-19 in Afghanistan and Central Asia,” in the unit of “Responding to COVID-19: A Comparative Religion & Healing Perspective,” the American Academy of Religion (AAR), (transitioned to on-line).
- 2020 “Islamic Legal Hypocrisy: Comparison of Application of Abrogation (*Naskh*) to Marriage and Intoxicants,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS), March 6-8, Emory University.
- 2019 “Embracing Humanity in the Cases of Central Asian Sufi Chivalry,” *Islam and Humanitarianism: Interdisciplinary Inquiries on Islamic Forms of Aid* conference at George Mason University.
- 2019 “Christians in ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Jīlī’s Islamic Humanism,” Christian-Muslim Studies Network, Candler School of Theology, Emory University and School of Divinity, the University of Edinburgh.
- 2016 “Islamic Humanism in Alisher Nawā’ī’s Theosophy,” conference presentation at Central Eurasian Studies Society, Princeton University.

- 2015 “Christian and Jewish Images in Sulayman Baqirghānī’s Works,” conference presentation at Central Eurasian Studies Society, George Washington University.
- 2015 “Marriage to non-Muslims: Changing Times and Perspectives,” conference presentation at the Southern Conference at Slavic Studies hosted by the University of Kentucky.
- 2014 “Boborahim Mashrab: Sufi Saint of the People,” conference presentation at Central Eurasian Studies Society, Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, Columbia University.
- 2012 “Muslim Views on Christians and Jews in Uzbekistan: Changing Images in Reform Ideas,” conference presentation at Central Eurasian Studies Society, Indiana University.

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 Higher Education in the COVID-19 period, at the “Contemporary Psychological and Pedagogical Issues, Analyses, and Results,” on-line conference organized by the Research Support Center and Fergana State University, July 20th, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- 2019 “Islamic Humanism: Promotion of Human Equality, Freedom and Potential in the Works of ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Jīlī (1365-1428),” at the Graduate Symposium, Emory University.
- 2017 Islam in Central Asia, “Islamic Network: Empires, Sultanates, Migration and Trade,” Candler School of Theology, Emory University, October.
- 2017 “Cultural and Religious Values in Uzbekistan’s Heritage: Islamic Humanism of ‘Alisher Nawā’ī,” with the invitation of the Uzbekistani Ambassador to the USA at the Central Asia Program, George Washington University.
- 2012 “Muslim views about Christians and Jews in Uzbekistan,” two lectures organized by the University of Wyoming’s Global and Area Studies Program, 2012.

DOCUMENTARY FILM

- 2018 *Bukharan Jews: Memories of a Disappearing Past*, with Beverly Moran, dedicated for the preservation of the Bukharan Jewish Culture and Bukhori, the Bukharan Jewish Language; filmed in the cities of New York and Bukhara. The documentary has been screened in Jerusalem by Shalom Hartman Institute, at Emory University, at the annual Conference of Central Eurasian Studies (CESS) at the University of Pittsburg, and at the annual meeting of the American

Academy of Religion in Denver. It has recently received an Honorable Mention by the Central Eurasian Studies Society's 2019 Outreach Award.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2020 Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Academy of Religion, for presenting a paper on Afghani and Central Asian Muslim Responses to Covid-19.
- 2019-2020 Advanced Fellowship from the Scholarly Integrity and Research at Emory (SIRE), Undergraduate Research Programs, Emory College of Arts and Sciences.
- 2019 Piedmont-TATTO Fellowship on Sustainability and Curriculum Development, Emory University's Sustainability Initiatives, built a syllabus on the Aral Sea Crisis.
- 2019 Honorable Mention by the "Outreach Award" committee of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS).
- 2018 Documentary Film Project, "*Bukharan Jews: Memories of a Disappearing Past*," Grants by Vanderbilt and Emory Universities.
- 2013-2018 Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, five-year fellowship for potential research contribution for a better understanding of Muslim relations with Christians and Jews, Emory University.
- 2012 Research Excellence Fund from the Department of Global and Area Studies, to conduct research in Uzbekistan, University of Wyoming.
- 2011 Full Graduate Assistantship to teach Arabic, Department of International Studies, the University of Wyoming.
- 2002 Edmund S. Muskie and Freedom Support Act Graduate fellowship, Full scholarship to study Higher Education Administration at Vanderbilt University, a program of the Bureau of Education and Cultural affairs of the US Department of State.
- 1996 Full scholarship from the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of Uzbekistan for one academic year to conduct Arabic language training at Cairo University, Egypt.

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

- 2020-Present Deputy Director for the Program on Law and Islam, the Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University Law School.

- 2009-2011 Co-founder and President of Broad Horizons, non-Governmental Educational Entity, Tashkent Uzbekistan.
- 2001-2002 Deputy Provost for International Relations, Namangan State University, Namangan, Uzbekistan.
- 2000-2001 Associate Dean for Spirituality, the School of Foreign Languages, Namangan State University, Namangan, Uzbekistan.
- 1999-2002 Director of the Egyptian Cultural Center, Namangan State University, Namangan, Uzbekistan.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2008 International Summer School on Religion and Public Life, University of Birmingham, England, 2008.
- 1999 Information Technology Utilization, “Ustoz” Foundation, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

LANGUAGES

Arabic: fluent; English: fluent; Persian: good; Russian: fluent; Uzbek: native
 Chagatai Turkic, French, Judeo-Arabic/Persian/Tajik: reading knowledge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2020-Present Oxus Society for Central Asian Affairs.
- 2015-Present: American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- 2012-Present: Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

IN THE PUBLIC MEDIA

- 2017 “Islamic Humanism, and Scholarship on Islam in Uzbekistan,” a video interview with the Uzbek Service of the Voice of America, 2017 (in the Uzbek language), <https://www.amerikaovozi.com/a/washington-teahouse-uzbekscholars/4022003.html>
- 2014 “Uzbekistani Scholar: Let us Learn Humanism from Mashrab” Interview given to the Voice of America’s Uzbek Service, (in the Uzbek language) 12/02/2014 <https://www.amerikaovozi.com/a/2539601.html>