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Education

Current Indiana University, Department of Religious Studies (ABD 2019)
Dissertation: “Notorious Bodies: Disability and Theology in al-Jāhiz’s *Book of the Leprous and Lame*.” (Expected Completion May 2022) R. Kevin Jaques Dissertation Advisor

2015 Indiana University, M.A., Department of Religious Studies

2013 University of Michigan, B.A., Department of History (High Honors) and Department of Middle Eastern and North African Studies

Academic Appointments

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religious Studies. DePauw University. Greencastle, Indiana. (Introduction to Religions) Fall 2021.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religious Studies. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. (Introduction to Islam). Fall, 2019. (Introduction to Religion) Summer 2021.

Assistant Instructor, Department of Religious Studies. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. Fall 2014 to Spring 2020.

Adjunct Instructor, Public Oral Communications, College of Arts and Science. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. Fall 2017 to Spring 2019.

Associate Researcher, Knowledge, Information Technology, and the Arabic Book (KITAB) Project. Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, Aga Khan University. London, United Kingdom. 2019-2020.

Areas of Specialization

Classical Islamic Theology, Law and Literature
Classical Arabic

Religion in the United States
Religion and Medicine
Religion and Disability

Publications

Current Works in Progress

Dissertation: “Notorious Bodies: Disability and Theology in al-Jāhiz’s *Book of the Leprous and Lame*.”

Consecrating Steel: The Remains of the World Trade Center and American Civil Religion.

Online Content

“Sacrificing Healthcare Workers: War Rhetoric and the Coronavirus Pandemic.” *The Revealer*, published by New York University. <https://therevealer.org/sacrificing-healthcare-workers-war-rhetoric-and-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Book Reviews, by journal

Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses

Muslim American City: Gender and Religion in Metro Detroit by Alisa Perkins (March 18, 2001) <https://doi.org/10.1177/00084298211000300>.

Reading Religion

The Foundation of Norms in Islamic Jurisprudence and Theology by Omar Farahat. <https://readingreligion.org/books/foundation-norms-islamic-jurisprudence-and-theology>

Conference Presentations

“When Disabled Children become Angels: Ability, Agency, and Instruments of Spiritual Growth.” *Religion and Abuse*, Indiana University. 2020.

“He was not Diminished by This: Al-Jāhiz on Walking, Naming, and Theodicy.” *Disabilities in the Ancient World*, Center for Ancient Studies, University of Pennsylvania. 2019.

“Locating Disability and Religion.” *Enabling Constraints: A Symposium on the Demands of Frameworks and Data in the Study of Religion*, University of Toronto. 2017.

“Sacred Steel: The Presence of September 11th Victims in what Remains of the World Trade Centers.” *Presence and Absence*, Indiana University. 2017.

“Muḥammad, Sa‘d b. Mu‘adh, and Moments of Conflict in Ibn Ishāq’s Biography of the Prophet.” *Religion, Conflict, and Boundary Maintenance*, Indiana University. 2015.

Workshops

The Art of Grant Writing, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. Spring 2018

Rewiring Consent: Data Visualization and Social Justice. Institute for Digital Arts and Humanities, Indiana University. Spring 2017

Holistic Approaches to the Study of Early Islam and the Late Antique World,” Indiana University Working Group on the Study of the Late Antique and Early Muslim Period, Indiana University. Spring 2016.

Honors

Religious Studies Department Graduate Award for Teaching Excellence. 2018.

Stephen J. Tonsor History of Ideas Undergraduate Honors Award for the Honors Thesis: “Americans in the Historiographical Landscape of Muslim Spain.” 2013.

Grants and Fellowships

Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship. 2021.

Indiana University Center for Religion and the Human Teaching Religion in Public Fellowship. 2020.

Indiana University Department of Religious Studies Graduate Research Fellowship. 2020.

The Devonia and Steve Stein Fellowship for the Study of American Religions. 2020.

Indiana University College Graduate Fellowship. 2014.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship. 2011.

Languages

English (Native)
Modern Standard Arabic
Classical Arabic
Biblical Aramaic
French
German

Professional Associations

American Academy of Religion

International Qur'anic Studies Association

Courses Offered

Introduction to Religions (Rel 130). Department of Religious Studies, DePauw University, (Adjunct Instructor), Fall 2021.

Introduction to Religion (Rel 133). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (Assistant Instructor), Spring 2021. (Adjunct Instructor), Summer 2021.

Hip-Hop Religion (Coll 103). College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University (Assistant Instructor), Fall 2020.

Religious Studies Pedagogy. Graduate Seminar (Rel 790). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (Co-taught), Fall 2019, Spring 2020.

Introduction to Islam (Rel 270). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (Adjunct Instructor), Fall 2019.

Public Oral Communication (Coll 155). College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University (Adjunct Instructor), Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.

Hip Hop Religion (Coll 103). College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University (Assistant Instructor), Fall 2020.

Religion and Sport (Rel 175). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (Assistant Instructor), Spring 2020.

Jews, Christians, and Muslims (Rel 152). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (Assistant Instructor), Fall 2016.

Religion, Ethics, and Public Life (Rel 170). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. (Assistant Instructor), Fall 2014.

Pain, Pleasure, and Peak Oil (Coll 103). College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University (Grader), Spring 2017.

Introduction to Islam (Rel 270). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (Grader), Spring 2016.

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (Rel 210), Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (Grader), Spring 2015, Fall 2015.

Pedagogical Training

Teaching Religion in Public (TRiP) Workshop. Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. Fall 2019.

Religious Studies Pedagogy (Rel 790). Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. Fall 2015.

Associate Instructor Orientation. College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University. Fall 2014.

Professional Service

Service to Indiana University

Graduate Academic Fairness Committee Hearing Board (Graduate Student Representative), Fall 2019 to Spring 2021.

College Committee on Graduate Education (Graduate Student Representative), Fall 2019 to Spring 2021.

Critical Area Studies in a Global Era Workshop, Center for the Study of Global Change, Indiana University (Graduate Student Representative), Spring 2015.

Service to Department of Religious Studies

Teaching Religion in Public, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. (Respondent for “Race in Early Islam/Introduction to Islam Courses” Meeting), Fall 2021.

Teaching Religion in Public, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. Primary organizer and panelist for “Failure” Religious Studies Pedagogy Series, Fall 2020.

Teaching Religion in Public, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. (Respondent for “Bad Religion” Meeting), Spring 2019.

Religious Perspectives and Alternative Futures in an Age of Humans Conference, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University. (Panel Moderator and Respondent) 2018.

Public Service

Hijabi Diaries Podcast, Openhearted Campaign to End Islamophobia and WFHB Community Radio Bloomington (Academic Contributor), 2018.

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