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## EDUCATION

2009 - 2015	University of California Riverside – Religious Studies PhD June 2015
2006 - 2009	University of Iowa – Religious Studies Master of Arts May 2009
2004 - 2005	Cal State University San Marcos Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Program
2002 - 2004	San Diego State University – Child Development Bachelor of Science – <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> May 2004
1997 - 2002	MiraCosta College – General Studies Associate Degree – May 2002

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Lecturer

Fall 2015 – Spring 2017	Northern Arizona University Introduction to World Religions Humanities in Global Diversity Humanities in the Southwest Muslims in America: History, Arts, and Activism
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### Adjunct Instructor

Fall 2017—Present	Eastern Washington University Introduction to Religion Masterpieces of Medieval Literature Islam in America
Fall 2018—Spring 2019	Gonzaga University Islamic Civilizations
Spring 2014 – Spring 2015	Crafton Hills College Introduction to World Religions Tribal and Ethnic Religions
Spring 2014 – Spring 2015, Summer 2016	Northern Arizona University (Online/Distance) Introduction to Islam Native American Religions
Summer 2015 – Spring 2016	Wilmette Institute (Online/Distance) Intro. to <i>Gems of Divine Mysteries</i> / <i>Javāhiru'l-Asrār</i>

	<b>Introduction to the <i>Book of Certitude</i> / <i>Kitāb-i-Iqān</i> Introduction to Sufism Introduction to Shī'a Islam</b>
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<u>TEACHING ASSISTANT</u>	Lesson Planning, Facilitating Three Discussion Sections, Grading, Tutoring Students in Office Hours
<b>Winter 2014, Fall 2013, Fall 2011, Summer 2011, Spring 2011, Winter 2010</b>	UC Riverside <b>Ethnicity &amp; Religious Myths &amp; Rituals in America</b>
<b>Spring 2012 &amp; Summer 2015</b>	UC Riverside <b>Introduction to Comparative Scriptures</b>
<b>Winter 2012 &amp; Fall 2010</b>	UC Riverside <b>Introduction to Asian Religions</b>
<b>Spring 2010</b>	UC Riverside <b>Introduction to Western Religions</b>

**GUEST LECTURES\***

\*Each at UC Riverside to large lecture classes

<b>Fall 2017</b>	"Religion and Near-Death Experiences"
<b>November 2013</b>	"Introduction to Islam & American Muslim Ethnic Identities"
<b>June 2012</b>	"The Bahá'í Faith and Bahá'í Scriptures"
<b>October 2010</b>	"Introduction to Hindu Philosophies"

**CONFERENCE PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS**

<b>April 2, 2016</b> —American Academy of Religion: Western Region—University of Arizona	-- "Muslim Women in Charge: Praxes of Leadership in Muslim Student Associations on the West Coast"
<b>May 10, 2015</b> —Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference—University of California, Santa Barbara	"The Politics of Common Denominator Islam in college campus Muslim Student Associations"
<b>March 9, 2014</b> —American Academy of Religion: Western Region—Loyola Marymount University	"The Bounds of Transcendence: Establishing Normativities of Trans- cultural Islam among Muslim Students in American Universities"

<b>March 2012</b> —The Western Commission on the Study of Religion—Santa Clara University	Two Papers Presented: 1) “Scripture as Axiomatically Word of God in the Christian, Islamic, and Bahá’í Traditions” and 2) “Providing Convincing Arguments for a Faith Commitment: Understanding the Logic of ‘Proofs’ given by Christian and Muslim Preachers”
<b>August 13, 2011</b> —Association for Bahá’í Studies –The San Francisco Airport Marriott	“Bahá’í Pilgrimage: History and Spirit Materially Grounded”
<b>March 15, 2010</b> —The Western Commission on the Study of Religion—The University of Arizona	“The Border between Claims of Veracity and the Frontier of Existential Questions: Engaging Student Motivations and the ‘Bracketing’ of Truth-Claims in the Religious Studies Classroom”
<b>March 28, 2009</b> —The Jacobsen Graduate Conference—The University of Iowa	“Calling towards an open space of mystical union: Teresa of Avila’s <i>Meditations on the Song of Songs</i> as Poetic Phenomenology” –

### **RESEARCH EMPHASES**

Islamic Studies; Religious Diversity and Pluralism in North America; Bahá’í Studies; Youth Cultures and Identity Construction; Gender Studies; Immigrant Religion; Ethnographic Methods & Lived Religion; Qur’anic Studies; Religious Epistemology and Apologetics; Religion and Ethics; Pedagogy in Higher Education

### **PUBLICATIONS**

2017	“Dealing with Religious Differences: Soteriological Perspectives and Interfaith Friendships of Young American Muslims,” <i>The Muslim World</i> , summer 2018
March 2015	Book Review of Shabana Mir, <i>Muslim Women on Campus</i> (2014), <i>Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs</i> , volume 35, issue 1

### **AWARDS**

2014-2015	UC Riverside Graduate Research Mentorship Program Fellowship
Summer 2013	2013 in Jordan: UC Riverside, Religious Studies Department, Language Development Scholarship
2008	Mark Murphy Tuition Fellowship

### **PROFESSIONAL/SCHOLARLY ASSOCIATIONS**

\*The American Academy of Religion    \*Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs

## **SERVICE**

Spring 2017	NAU Comparative Cultural Studies, Department Faculty Candidates Reception Task Force
Fall 2015	NAU Comparative Cultural Studies, Department Review, Student Survey Committee
Summer 2014	Religious Studies Moving Committee & Task Force
2011 - 2012	Religious Studies Graduate Student Association President
2008	Office of International Students and Scholars Student Orientation Leader

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish, Arabic, French

## **REFERENCES**

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