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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2016 Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
Ph.D., Theology and Religious Studies
Concentration: Christianity and Islam
- 2009 Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL
M.Div.
Concentration: Interreligious Dialogue
- 2003 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
M.T.S.
Concentration: Systematic Theology
- 2001 St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
B.A., Magna cum Laude
Majors: English, Religion; Concentration: Middle Eastern Studies

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-present The Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome
Dean of Studies
Extraordinary Professor
- 2016-2018 The Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome
Invited Professor

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Translation:

The Ways of Sufi Companionship: Two Treatises by al-Sulamī. Fons Vitae, Louisville. Under contract and in final stages of editing; publication expected 2019.

Edited Volumes:

- 2019 *Special Issue: 800th Anniversary of the Encounter between Francis of Assisi and Sultan al-Malik al-Kāmil. The Muslim World* 109, no. 2. Co-edited with Fareed Munir. Special issue solicited by journal; forthcoming.
- 2018 *Vatican II: Remembering the Future – Ecumenical, Interfaith and Secular Explorations of the Council’s Legacy and Promise. Volume I: Catholicism Opening its Doors: Engaging the World and Other Confessions.* Co-edited with Vladimir Latinovic and Gerard Mannion. Palgrave Macmillan, New York.
- 2018 *Vatican II: Remembering the Future – Ecumenical, Interfaith and Secular Explorations of the Council’s Legacy and Promise. Volume II: Catholicism Opening to Other Faiths.* Co-edited with Vladimir Latinovic and Gerard Mannion. Palgrave Macmillan, New York.

Sole-Authored Journal Articles/Book Chapters:

- “Mind the Gap: The Spiritual Progress of Early Ṣūfī Women.” In *Les enjeux de l’écriture mystique*. Ed. Nejmeddine Khalfallah and Abdelaziz El Aloui. Forthcoming, publication expected 2019.
- “Arabic Sources for the Encounter between the Saint and the Sultan: Fakhr al-Fārisī’s Famous Adventure with Francis, or Lack Thereof.” *Collectanea (Studia Orientalia Christiana)* 48-49 (2015-2016), forthcoming.
- 2017 “A Note on a Footnote: Pope Francis’s Ṣūfī Ecologist.” *Islamochristiana* 43, 141-147.
- 2017 “Two Friars Who Went Among the Muslims and the Realms of their Memory: Francis of Assisi and Anselm Turmeda / ‘Abdullāh al-Tarjumān.” *The Muslim World* 107, no. 3, 572-592.
- 2014 “The Status of Monks in Egypt under Early Mamlūk Rule: The Case of Ibn Taymiyya (With an Annotated Translation of Ibn Taymiyya’s *Fatwā* on the Status of Monks).” *LOGOS: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 55, no. 1-2, 41-67.
- 2013 “Ṣūfī *Adab* Transcending Scruples: The Correspondence of Ibn ‘Abbād of Ronda.” *Islamochristiana* 39, 111-127.
- 2013 “The Evolution of the Assisi Gathering: To Humanism and Beyond?” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 48, no. 3, 377-390.

Co-Authored Journal Articles/Book Chapters:

- 2019 With Fareed Munir, “Foreword.” *The Muslim World* 109, no. 2, forthcoming.
- 2019 With Mohamed Kenawi and Alex Kronemer, “Two Filmmakers Reflect on Francis.” *The Muslim World* 109, no. 2, forthcoming.
- 2018 With Alan Godlas, “Another Note on a Footnote: ‘Alī al-Ḥawwāṣ Revisited.”” *Islamochristiana* 44, 269-273.

Book Reviews:

2013-19 23 books reviewed for various journals:

Islamochristiana (19)
Journal of Ecumenical Studies (2)
Archivum Franciscanum Historicum (1)
Journal of Church and State (1)

Selected examples:

- 2018 *The New Testament in Muslim Eyes: Paul's Letter to the Galatians*, by Shabbir Akhtar (New York: Routledge, 2018), in *Islamochristiana* 44, 425-427.
- 2018 *Sufism, Pluralism and Democracy*, ed. Clinton Bennett and Sarwar Alam (Sheffield: Equinox, 2017), in *Journal of Church and State* 60, no. 4, 733-5.
- 2017 *Il libro dei cammelli errabondi e di quelli che li radunano*, by Abū Ḥayyān al-Tawḥīdī and Abū 'Alī Miskawayh, ed. and trans. Lidia Bettini (Venice: Edizioni Ca' Foscari, 2017), in *Islamochristiana* 43, 461-462.
- 2014 *Franciscanos y Sultanes en Marruecos: Relaciones entre el poder (al-sultān) y la obra religiosa y humanitaria de los Frailes Menores*, by Simeón Czesław Stachera O.F.M. (Granada: BTG, 2013), in *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum* 107, no. 3-4, 539-542.

Articles in Dictionaries/Encyclopedias:

2018 6 entries, *Oxford New Dictionary of Islam* (Oxford Islamic Studies Online).

Non-academic Publications:

2014 "Do We Have an App for That?" *The Cord: A Franciscan Spiritual Review* 64, no. 2, 165-177.

INVITED TALKS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- 2019 "Islamic Studies: Resources and Techniques of Research in Western Academia"
 Spring School, Mominoun Without Borders for Study and Research
 Marrakesh, Morocco, March 30
- 2018 "Creating a Culture of Welcome: Ecumenical and Interreligious Perspectives"
 Rome Seminar, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
 The Lay Centre, Rome, June 14
- 2017 "Al-Sulamī's Ṣūfī Women: An Instance of Humanism?"
 Giornata di studio *Il Sufismo: figure, testi, luoghi*
 PISAI, Rome, March 24

- 2017 “Revisiting the ‘Veiled Tradition’ of al-Sulamī’s Ṣūfī Women”
Journée d’études *L’innovation de l’âme*
Université Paris VIII, Paris, March 15
- 2010 “Franciscans and Muslims”
Lecture for Franciscan Heritage Week
Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI, October 7
- 2010 “Francis, Clare, and the *Vita Apostolica*”
Lecture for the Great Conversation Program
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, March 1
- 2009 “Bonaventure of Bagnoregio and the Early Franciscan Vision”
Lecture for the Great Conversation Program
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, April 3

SEMINARS

- 2019 “Francis of Assisi, Sufism, and Spiritual Poverty: Comparative Insights”
Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII (FSCIRE)
La Pira Library
Palermo, Italy, September 30 – October 1

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Remembering Francis and the Sultan: Approaches Old and New”
European Academy of Religion
Bologna, Italy, March 7
- 2018 “‘He is very much ours’: Current Catalan Attempts to Claim Anselm Turmeda, or
the Lack Thereof”
American Academy of Religion (Religion in Europe Unit and Religious Conversions
Unit), Annual Meeting
Denver, CO, November 19
- 2018 “Theology of Migration and Holiness of Place : Reflections on Shrines in Two
Traditions”
American Academy of Religion (Interreligious Reflections on Immigration
Seminar), Annual Meeting
Denver, CO, November 17
- 2018 “We Adore You...in All Your Churches: Reflections on Place in a Theology of
Migration”
Ecclesiological Investigations Conference: “The Church and Migration: Global In-
Difference?”
University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, June 26
- 2017 “Scholarly Companionship through Sacred Hospitality: Louis Massignon’s Journey
in the Lands of Islam,” in Arabic

الصحة العلمية بالضيافة المقدسة: رحلة لويس ماسينيون في أراضي الإسلام

International Conference: “The Effect of Companionship on the Framing of Religious Difference”

أثر الصحبة في تدبير الخلاف الديني

Université Chouaib Doukkali, El Jadida, Morocco, May 22

2017 “Mind the Gap: The Spiritual Progress of Early Ṣūfī Women”

British Association for Islamic Studies

University of Chester, England, April 13

2016 “Listening at Keyholes to the Heart: The Pious Sensorium of Early Ṣūfī *Samā*”

American Academy of Religion (Islamic Mysticism Group), Annual Meeting

San Antonio, TX, November 19

2016 “New Christian Horizons Regarding Family Values,” in Arabic

أفاق جديدة مسيحية بشأن قيم الأسرة

International Conference: “The Family and Value Systems”

الأسرة ومنظومة القيم

Université Ibn Zohr, Agadir, Morocco, May 25

2015 “Clarifying Companionship: How *Ādāb al-Ṣuḥba* Function for al-Sulamī”

American Academy of Religion (Islamic Mysticism Group), Annual Meeting

Atlanta, GA, November 23

2014 “Anselm Turmeda: Model Mendicant or Recreant Renegade?”

International Symposium: “Religious Orders & Christian-Muslim Relations”

Benedictine University and DePaul University, Chicago, IL, September 19

2014 “*Spe Salvi*: Will Francis Save Benedict’s Hope?”

Ecclesiological Investigations Conference: “Hope in the Ecumenical Future”

Ripon College, Oxford University, Cuddeston, U.K., April 10

2012 “The Status of Monks in Egypt under Early Mamlūk Rule: The Case of Ibn Taymiyya”

Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference

Washington, D.C., October 12

2012 “The Evolution of the Assisi Gathering: To Humanism and Beyond?”

International Conference: “Understanding Religious Pluralism”

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., May 23

2009 “A Common Word: How Common Have Christians Found It?”

Engaging Particularities Conference

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, March 28

2007 Moderated Panel Discussion: “Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue”

Engaging Particularities Conference

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, March 31

2006 “*Dominus Iesus* and Comparative Methodology: Guidelines or Landmines?”

Engaging Particularities Conference

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, March 17

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome:

- “Islamic Tradition” (4x, 2014-)
- “Şūfism” [Introduction](3x, 2016-)
- “Şūfism” [Texts](2x, 2018-)
- “Christians and Muslims: Theologies in Contrast” (3x, 2017-)
- “Translation from Arabic” (2x, 2017-)

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.:

- “The Problem of God” (2015)
- “The Morality of Institutions” (Teaching Assistant for Gerard Mannion, 2015)

THESES DIRECTED/MODERATED

Licentiate Theses: 2

- Blasphemy Laws and their Impact in Pakistan (PISAI, Rome, 2018)
- Contemporary *Iğtihād* in the Perspective of Yūsuf al-Qaraḏāwī (PISAI, Rome, 2017)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Editorial Board:

Islamochristiana (2017-present)

Manuscript Review (Presses):

Georgetown University Press

Manuscript Review (Journals):

Religions (ISSN 2077-1444)

Grant Proposal Review:

Polish National Science Center (Humanities Panel, HS1)

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2018 *Islamochristiana* 44. Editorial assistance with English submissions.
- 2017 *Islamochristiana* 43. Editorial assistance with English submissions.
- 2016 *Islamochristiana* 42. Editorial assistance with English submissions.

- 2016 Chiabotti, Francesco, et al., eds. *Ethics and Spirituality in Islam: Sufi Adab* (Leiden: Brill, 2017). Editorial assistance with English submissions.
- 2014-15 Organizing Committee for Conference, “Vatican II – Remembering the Future: Ecumenical, Interfaith and Secular Perspectives on the Council’s Impact and Promise,” The Ecclesiological Investigations Research Network, May 21-24, 2015, Washington, D.C.
- 2013-14 Mannion, Gerard, et al., eds. (The Ecclesiological Investigations Research Network), *Pathways for Dialogue Series. Volume 1: Where We Dwell in Common: The Quest for Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016); Volume 3: *Pathways for Inter-Religious Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). Editorial assistance, indexing.
- 2012-13 Esposito, John L. and Natana DeLong-Bas, *Shariah: What Everyone Needs to Know* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018). Data compilation and organization; editorial assistance.

LANGUAGES

English (native)
 Italian (fluent)
 Spanish (fluent)
 Arabic (advanced)
 French (reading)
 German (reading)
 Latin (reading)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2012-present American Academy of Religion
 2017-present British Association for Islamic Studies (associate member)

REFERENCES

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