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Current Position Assistant Professor of Religion, Tufts University (since fall 2008).
Member of International Relations core faculty, Middle Eastern Studies affiliated faculty, Fares
Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies affiliated faculty.

Academic Positions Prior to Tufts

Amherst College: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, 2007-08.

Yale University: Lecturer, Department of Religion, fall 2006.

Georgetown University: Postdoctoral Lecturer, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies,
2005-06.

University of Chicago: Lecturer, Teaching Assistant, Writing Tutor, Executive Director of
the University of Chicago Summer Arabic Program, 1998-2000, and Assistant to the
Director, summer 1997. Arabic Circle Coordinator, 1997-1998.

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad: Assistant to the Director, summer 1996.

Education

University of Chicago, PhD, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, December 2005.

Dissertation: "Al-Ghazālī's Contested Revival: *Iḥyā' `ulūm al-dīn* and its Critics in
Khurasan and the Maghrib." Wadad Kadi, dissertation supervisor.

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad, American University in Cairo, 1995-96.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, BA with Distinction—Comparative Literature, 1991.

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität, Bonn, Germany, 1988-89.

Book Manuscript

Al-Ghazālī the Reviver: A re-framing of the life and thought of Abū Ḥamid al-Ghazālī,
focusing on his writing and promotion of his seminal *Revival of the Religious Sciences*.

Publications

"Coming Down from the Mountaintop: Al-Ghazālī's Autobiographies in Context,"
Forthcoming in *Muslim World* special issue on al-Ghazālī on the 900th anniversary of his
death (2011).

"Al-Māzarī al-Dhakī: Al-Ghazālī's Maghribi Adversary in Nishapur," *Journal of Islamic
Studies*, 21:1 (2010).

"Rhetorics of Revival: al-Ghazālī and his Modern Heirs," forthcoming in Festschrift for
Wadad Kadi published by Brill.

Publications in Progress

"From Courtier to Religious Scholar: The *riḥla* and self-reinvention of Abu Bakr Ibn al-
Arabi." Under review, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.

“The Philosophical Origins of al-Ghazālī’s presentation of *al-amr bi-l-ma`rūf wa-l-nahī `an al-munkar*.”

“Ghazālī’s Response to his Nishapuri critics: *al-Imlā’ fī ishkālāt al-iḥyā’*.”

“The Reception of al-Ghazālī’s *Iḥyā’ `ulūm al-dīn* in the Maghrib.”

Book Reviews

Al-Ghazālī’s Philosophical Theology, by Frank Griffel, Forthcoming in *The Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (Fall 2011).

Al-Ghazālī and the Qur’ān: One Book, Many Meanings, by Martin Whittingham, *The Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 130.1 (2011)

Islam: Historical, Social and Political Perspectives, by Jacques Waardenburg, *The Journal of Religion*, vol. 84, no. 3, July 2004, pp. 499-500.

‘Alāqat Mamlakatay Qashtālah wa-Arājūn bi-Saltanat al-Mamālīk, by Muhammad al-Nashshār, *The Mamlūk Studies Review*, vol. 4, 2000, pp. 251-253.

Encyclopedia Entries

The Almohads, entry in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, Oxford University Press, 2009.

Al-Ghazālī, entry in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Online

“Library Research Guide for the Koran and Hadith,” the George Camp Keiser Library, Middle East Institute, <http://www.mideasti.org/articles/doc395.pdf>

Seville Module for Stanford University’s “Medieval Spains” website (in development), <http://medspains.stanford.edu/demo/#>

Papers Presented

“Al-Ghazali in Contemporary Lebanon: Su’ad al-Hakim’s Project of Rereading His *Revival*,” Presented at “al-Ghazālī and his Influence: A Workshop on the Occasion of the 900th Anniversary of his Death in 1111,” Yale University, December 9-10, 2011.

“Al-Ghazālī’s Ethics Before and After the Crisis,” Presented at “Islam and Rationality: the Impact of al-Ghazālī—an International and Interdisciplinary Conference at Ohio State University,” November 10-12, 2011.

“Aims and Authorizing Strategies of Muhammad ‘Abduh’s *al-Risāla fī al-Tawhid*,” Presented at *Seeds of Revolution* Symposium, Tufts University, April 8, 2011.

“Reassessing Abu Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī’s Biography and his Significance to the Islamic Tradition,” Seminar, Center for the Humanities at Tufts, October 19, 2010.

“Law as Liferaft: the *riḥla* of Abū Bakr Ibn al-‘Arabī,” 2010 annual meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association.

“Revival through Reclassification: Abu Hamid al-Ghazali’s *Revival of the Religious Sciences*,” Cambridge Symposium on Middle Eastern Studies: ‘Knowledge and Language in Middle Eastern Studies,’ Cambridge University October 16-18, 2009.

“Invocation of the Mujaddid Hadith in Islamic Thought,” 2009 Meeting of the American Oriental Society.

- “Towards a New Narrative of the Life and Thought of Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī,” 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religions.
- “Al-Ghazālī the Reviver,” Working Group on Islamic Philosophy, Yale University, 2007.
- “The Controversy Over al-Ghazālī’s Return to Teaching in Nishapur—499/1106-503/1109,” 2006 annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association.
- “Al-Ghazali the Sufi or al-Ghazali the Reviver?” 2005-06 Qatar Lecture, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
- “Al-Ghazālī’s Four-Part Structure and the Underlying Logic of the *Revival of the Religious Sciences*,” 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religions.
- “Critiques of al-Ghazālī in the Mashriq and the Maghrib,” University of Pennsylvania conference “*‘Ilm and Imama: Knowledge and Politics in Classical Islam*,” 2003.
- “The Relation between Saints and Political Authorities in the Islamic West in the 12th Century,” 1999 annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association.
- “The Use of the Fatwā as a Source for Later Andalusian Social History,” 33rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, 1998.

Translations

- Constitution of the Iraqi Teachers’ Union and other material translated from Arabic to English for the American Federation of Teachers, 2004.
- Numerous articles translated from German and French to English for the Variorum series *Formation of the Classical Islamic World* and *The Mamlūk Studies Review*.
- Technical German-English Translation for the Orlimex Translation Agency, Dresden, Germany, 1992.

Service and Advising at Tufts

- Department of Religion: Search Committee member, 2009-10, Library liaison, 2009-10.
- Foreign Programs Subcommittee, 2009-present, including working group on Egypt exchange program.
- International Relations Student Honors Subcommittee 2010.
- Senior Honors Theses: Lauren Herstik, Peace and Justice Studies, 2010; Stephanie Crosby, Anthropology, 2010; Usamah Suhrawardi, Religion, expected 2012.
- Summer Scholars: Usamah Suhrawardi, 2011.

Service to the Field

- Peer reviewer for Yale University Press
- Content Editor, Penguin Books, 2010.
- Peer reviewer for *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Journal of Religious History*.
- Served on thesis committee for Ph.D. candidate Scott Girdner at Boston University, 2009.

Fellowships

- Center for Arabic Studies Abroad III Fellowship in Cairo, Egypt, fall 2011.
- Faculty fellow, Center for the Humanities at Tufts, 2010-2011.
- Qatar Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 2005-06.

Stuart Tave Fellowship for Course Design, University of Chicago, fall 2002-03.
American Institute for Maghrib Studies for study in Morocco, 2001-02.
Fulbright IIE for study in Morocco, 2000-01.
Program for Cultural Cooperation: Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture/United States Universities, funding for research in Spain, fall 1998.
US Department of Education, Center for Arabic Studies Abroad fellowship, 1995-96.
Century Fellowship for Graduate Study at the University of Chicago, 1994-1999.
Scholarships for the University of Chicago's Summer Arabic Program, 1993, 1994.

Research Interests:

Life and thought of Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī; classical and contemporary Islamic revivalist thought; Life and thought of Abū Bakr Ibn al-`Arabī; the medieval Maghrib and al-Andalus; Trends in Contemporary Egyptian Islam.

Languages

Arabic (Literary, Moroccan Colloquial, Egyptian Colloquial), Persian, German, Spanish, French, Latin, some Danish.