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AREA OF RESEARCH

Dissertation Topic

The Sufi origins of modern Salafī ideology: Muḥammad Muʿīn al-Sindhī (d. 1748CE) and the 18th c. *ʿamal bi'l-ḥadīth* movement's campaign for ḥadīth-based jurisprudential reform.

Related Areas of Interest

Pre-modern Islamic Intellectual History; Islamic Law and Jurisprudence;
Sufism; Qurʾānic Exegesis; Pre-Islamic Arabic Poetry; Islam in South Asia

EDUCATION

2024 (expected)	Harvard University, PhD in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Dept. of NELC
2005	University of Pennsylvania, M.A. in Religious Studies
2000	Oberlin College, B.A. in Religious Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present	Teaching Assistant Professor of Arabic (Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Colorado Boulder)
2021 – 2022	Lecturer in Arabic (Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Colorado Boulder)
2020 – 2021	Visiting Lecturer in Arabic (Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Colorado Boulder)
Fall 2015	Teaching Fellow: “Ancient Lives” (Dr. Gojko Barjamovic, Harvard University)
Spring 2014	Teaching Fellow: “From the Hebrew Bible to Judaism, From the Old Testament to Christianity” (Prof. Shaye Cohen, Harvard University)
Fall 2013	Teaching Fellow: “Introduction to Islamic Theology and Philosophy: the Modern Period (19 th -20 th Centuries)” (Prof. Khaled El-Rouayheb, Harvard University)
Fall 2012	Visiting Faculty Lecturer: “Islam” (Department of Religious Studies, Bowdoin College)
Spring 2011	Teaching Fellow: “Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies” (Prof. Ali Asani, Harvard University)
Spring 2010	Teaching Fellow, “For the Love of the Prophet: Islam and the Arts” (Prof. Ali Asani, Harvard University)
Spring 2009	Teaching Fellow, “Vocabulary of Islam” (Prof. Shahab Ahmed, Harvard University)

ARABIC LANGUAGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2015	Teaching Fellow, Intensive Intermediate Arabic	(Harvard University)
Fall 2011 - Spring 2012	Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Arabic	(Harvard University)
Summer 2010	Teaching Fellow, Intensive Intermediate and Elementary Arabic	(Harvard University)

Fall 2009 – Spring 2010
Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

Teaching Fellow, Intermediate and Elementary Arabic
Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Arabic

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ADVISING AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Fall 2012 – 2020 Senior Resident Tutor, Mather House, Harvard University
2011-2013 Derek Bok Pedagogy Teaching Fellow in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University

TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS

2016-2017 Recipient, Star Family Prize for Excellence in Sophomore Advising (Awarded to 3 among 350 faculty and graduate student advisors of Harvard College sophomores.)
2014; 2018 Nominee, Star Family Prize for Excellence in Sophomore Advising
Spring 2012 Derek Bok Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, “Arabic B”
Spring 2010 Derek Bok Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, “For Love of the Prophet”
Spring 2010 Derek Bok Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, “Arabic B”

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Surhio, Naseem Khalid. (2022) “The Ethics of ‘Divine Union’: Reading Ibn ‘Arabī’s Conception of *Fanā*’ in a Levinasian Context.”

Surhio, Naseem Khalid. (2022) “An Unpublished Chapter of al-Sulamī’s *Ḥaqā’iq al-tafsīr*: Text and Translation of the Sūrah of *Yūsuf* Based on Ormandy Manuscript 9433.”

PUBLIC AND CONFERENCE LECTURES

Nov 2017 “Mystical Exotericism: Situating the Call to Ḥadīth by Muḥammad Mu‘īn al-Sindhī, a Ṣūfī of the 18th Century,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*.
May 2016 “Outside the Confines of Philology: Close Translation in the Production of Islamic Studies,” Workshop on Arabic and Islamic Studies, Harvard University.
June 2015 “Introducing the *Dirāsāt al-Labīb* in Global Context,” Holberg Seminar for the Study of Pre-Modern Islamic History, Princeton University.
May 2014 “Mystical Exotericism: Situating the Call to Ḥadīth Among Sufi Scholars of the 18th Century,” The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Lecture Series, Harvard University.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2009, 2011, 2012 Harvard South Asia Initiative Summer Research Grant
2011 Harvard Asia Center Summer Language Grant
2010, 2003 FLAS Scholarship (Academic Year)
2008 American Institute of Indian Studies Summer Language Fellowship
2006, 2004 FLAS Scholarship (Summer)
2005 American Institute of Iranian Studies: Persian Language Fellowship

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)
Arabic – Classical and Syrian Colloquial (Advanced Proficiency)
Classical Greek, French, Spanish, Persian, Urdu, German (Intermediate/Reading Proficiency)