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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, S.J.D., 2006

Graduate Program Fellow, 1999-2000

Dissertation title: "That Originalist Sounds like a Maliki' and other Untold Stories of Kinship between Islamic and American Law"

Columbia Law School, LL.M., 1998

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Board Member, Society for Law and Ideas

University of California, Davis, School of Law, J.D., 1992

Senior Research Editor, U.C. Davis Law Review, 1991-1992

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1988

Legal Studies Class Valedictorian

cum laude, Honors Program, Dean's List

Member, California Bar (1992 – present)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin Law School

Full Professor, Spring 2017 – present Associate

Professor, 2012 – 2017

Assistant Professor, 2004 – 2012

Courses taught:

Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Introduction to Islamic Law and Jurisprudence, Advanced Islamic Law

Campus Leadership & Service:

Member, Middle East Studies Program Faculty Steering Committee, (2005-present)

Tenure Committee (2015-2017 & Fall 2021 - present)

Faculty Advisor, Middle Eastern Law Students Association (2005 – present)

Faculty Advisor, UW Muslim Students Association (2004 – present)

Partners in Giving (UW charity project) coordinator (2010 - present)

Kastenmeier Lecture Committee (2008 – present)

University of Wisconsin System Diversity Council, Member (May, 2017-September, 2019)

Faculty member PLUS (LSAC Discoverlaw.org program) (summer 2017 & 2018)

Faculty Director, Graduate Programs (Fall 2015 – Fall 2019)

Chair, Graduate Programs Committee (Fall 2014 – Fall 2021)

Hastie Committee (Fall 2010-Spring 2011; Fall 2020 - Spring 2021)
Experiential Learning Committee (2012 - 2013)
Clerkship Committee (2010-2011)
LEO (Legal Educational Opportunities) Committee (2007-2008)
Admissions Committee (2005-2007)

Bayan Islamic Graduate School
Adjunct Professor, 2015 - present
Courses taught: Islamic Law and Legal Theory

PAST EMPLOYMENT

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Office of the Circuit Executive
Death Penalty Law Clerk, 1994 – 1997
Author, Resource Guide for Managing Capital Cases, Volume II: Capital HabeasCorpus

United States District Court, Eastern District of California
Judicial Law Clerk, Chambers of Edward Dean Price, 1993 - 1994

HONORS

2022 University of Wisconsin Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award
(campus-wide honor awarded to 5 exceptionally distinguished teachers each year)
2012 Guggenheim Fellow
[Project Title: "A Constitution for Sharia-Seeking States: Not Theocratic. Not Secular. Not Impossible."](#); funded by Dorothy Goldman Constitutional Studies grant.
2009 Carnegie Scholar
[Project Title: "Title: Lost in Non-translation: What's Missing When We Say Shari'a"](#)
2016 Marygold Melli Achievement Award
[Wisconsin Legal Association for Women award for significant contributions to women in law](#)
UW Law School Teacher of the Year 2008, 2014
Circuit Executive's Award, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

Books

THREE PILLARS CONSTITUTIONALISM: A NEW MODEL FOR ISLAMIC GOVERNMENTS (book manuscript, forthcoming 2022)

ISLAMIC LAW LIVE: A COMPREHENSIVE COURSEBOOK (book manuscript, co-authored with Sadiq Reza & Hamid Khan, planned 2024) (textbook on Islamic law for graduate law and humanities students)

Articles & Book Chapters

Law and Which Religion? (academic article, planned 2023) (a critique of constitutional “law and religion” discourses from a Muslim perspective)

From the Redwoods to the Zoom Room: Reflections on Five Decades of Islamic Education in the United States, in a forthcoming festschrift for Professor Emeritus Hamid Algar of UC Berkeley (forthcoming 2023) (contribution to book honoring an eminent scholar of Islam, and one of my teachers)

Published Works

Book Chapters

Healing a Wounded Islamic Constitutionalism: Sharia, Legal Pluralism, and Unlearning the Nation-State Paradigm, in *DECOLONIZING CONSTITUTIONALISM* (Boaventura DeSousa Santos, ed., forthcoming 2022)

Legislating Morality and Other Illusions about Islamic Government, in [LOCATING THE SHARIA: LEGAL FLUIDITY IN THEORY, HISTORY AND PRACTICE](#) (Nathan S. French, Sohaira Z. M. Siddiqui, editors, Brill 2019)

A Meditation on Mahr, Modernity, and Muslim Marriage Contract Law, in *FEMINISM, LAW AND RELIGION* (Marie Failinger & Elizabeth Schlitz, eds., Ashgate Publishing Co., 2013)

The Separation of Powers in the Tradition of Muslim Governments, in [CONSTITUTIONALISM IN ISLAMIC COUNTRIES: BETWEEN UPHEAVAL AND CONTINUITY](#) (Tilmann Roder, Rainer Grote & Katrin Geenen, eds., Oxford University Press, 2011)

No Altars: An Introduction to Islamic Family Law in US Courts (with Najeeba Syeed-Miller), in [WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND ISLAMIC FAMILY LAW: PERSPECTIVES ON REFORM](#) (Lynn Welchman, ed., Zed Books, 2004) (republished in [HALF OF FAITH: AMERICAN MUSLIM MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: A READER](#) (Kecia Ali, ed. Creative Commons, 2021)

Academic Articles

[Islamic Constitutionalism. Not Secular. Not Theocratic. Not Impossible](#), 16 RUTGERS J. LAW & RELIG. 553 (2015)

[The Sharia Problem with Sharia Legislation](#), 41 OHIO N.U. L. REV. 545 (2015)

[Legal Pluralism in an Islamic State: Reflections on the Afghan Constitution](#), 1 YEARBOOK OF AFGHAN LEGAL STUDIES (2015) (in English and Dari)

[*Rumors of the Sharia Threat are Greatly Exaggerated: What American Judges Really Do with Islamic Family Law in Their Courtrooms*](#), 57 N. Y. L. SCH. L. REV. 245 (2012-2013)

[*What if Sharia Weren't the Enemy? Rethinking International Women's Rights Advocacy on Islamic Law*](#), 22 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 173 (2011)

[*On Fallibility and Finality: Why Thinking Like a Qadi Helps Me Understand American Constitutional Law*](#), 2009 MICH. ST. L. REV. 339

[*Who Says Shari'a Demands the Stoning of Women? A Description of Islamic Law and Constitutionalism*](#), 1 BERKELEY J. MID. E. ISLAMIC L. 163 (2008)

[*Interpreting the Qur'an and the Constitution: Similarities in the Use of Text, Tradition and Reason in Islamic and American Jurisprudence*](#), 28 CARDOZO L. REV. 67 (2006)

[*Her Honor: An Islamic Critique of the Rape Laws of Pakistan from a Woman-Sensitive Perspective*](#), 18 MICH. J. INT'L L. 287 (1997) (Republished in WOMEN OF FAITH: MUSLIM WOMEN SCHOLAR-ACTIVISTS IN NORTH AMERICA (Syracuse U.Press, Gisela Webb, ed., 2000) and in Islamic Studies Journal, Islamabad, Pakistan; and by Sisters in Islam, Islamic Book Trust, Kuala Lumpur; (in Malay))

[*From a Gasp to a Gamble: A Proposed Test for Unconscionability*](#), 25 U. C. DAVIS L. REV. 187 (1991)

Essence and Existence in the Philosophies of Hegel and Mulla Sadra, 4 CAL. LEGAL STUD. J. 19 (1988)

Policy Reports and Briefs

[*Sharia and Diversity: Why Some Americans are Missing the Point*](#), Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (2013)

[*Islamic Law Reform: It's Easier and Harder Than You Might Think*](#), Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (2013)

[*Secular is Not Always Better: A Closer Look at Some Women-Empowering Features of Islamic Law*](#), Institute for Social Policy & Understanding (2013)

Op-Eds, Magazine Articles & Blog Posts

[*Why Muslims Must Oppose the Abortion Ban*](#) (authored open letters signed by coalition of Muslim non-profit organizations), Muslim Girl, December 2, 2021

[It's been 200 Years, not Twenty: Targeted Repression in the US Started Long Before 9/11](#) (co-authored with Farah Brelvi), Common Dreams, September 24, 2021

[American Muslims look for hope, not hate twenty years after 9/11](#) (co-authored with Farah Brelvi), Reuters, September 9, 2021

[5 Myths about hijab](#) (co-authored with Nadia B. Ahmed), Washington Post, March 15, 2019

[Muslims and Voting: What does Sharia have to do with it?](#), Patheos Altmuslim, November 1, 2018

[How Anti-Shariah marches mistake Muslim concepts of state and religious law](#), Religion News Service, June 8, 2017

[How to create an Islamic government – not an Islamic state](#), Middle East Eye, February 17, 2017

[5 myths about sharia](#), Washington Post, June 6, 2016

[Why Muslim Failure to Explain Sharia Matters and How to Correct It](#), Islamic Horizons (cover story May/June 2013)

[What is Sharia and is it Creepy?](#), Islamic Monthly (February 2012)

[Paradoxes of “religious freedom” in Egypt](#) (co-authored with Tamir Moustafa), The Immanent Frame:Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere, April 16, 2012

Book Reviews & Responses

Response to Brett Scharff's *Equality in Sheep's Clothing: The Implications of Anti-Discrimination Norms for Religious Autonomy*, 10 SANTA CLARA J. INT'L L. 139 (2012))

Review of PASCALE FOURNIER, *MUSLIM MARRIAGE IN WESTERN COURTS: LOST IN TRANSLATION*, 21 L. & POLITICS BOOK REV. 480 (September 2011)

Taking Sharia Seriously, review of NOAH FELDMAN, *THE FALL AND RISE OF THE ISLAMIC STATE*, 26 CONST. COMMENTARY 297 (Spring 2010)

Review of MARTIN LAU, *THE ROLE OF ISLAM IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF PAKISTAN*, 22 J. L. & RELIGION 625 (2006-2007)

Review of ANN SOFIE ROALD, *WOMEN IN ISLAM: THE WESTERN EXPERIENCE*, 41 ISLAMIC STUD.S (Winter 2002)

Review of MOHAMMAD HASHIM KAMALI, *PRINCIPLES OF ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE*, 15 J. L. & Religion 385 (2001)

Review of MAHMOUD MONSHIPOURI, ISLAMISM, SECULARISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, 22 HUM. RTS. Q. 625 (2000)

Editorial Work

The “Sex Talk” Book, HEART Women and Girls (forthcoming 2022)

[THE ISLAMIC MARRIAGE CONTRACT: CASE STUDIES IN ISLAMIC FAMILY LAW](#) (with Frank Vogel) (Harvard University Press 2009)

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Academic Lectures & Panel Presentations

Preview of book manuscript (“Three Pillars Constitutionalism”) research

Tehran University, Faculty of Law and Political Science, [International Conference on Criminal Law Developments in the Muslim-Majority Countries in the Light of Interaction between Sharia and Law](#), Tehran, Iran, March 4-5, 2019

“A New Constitutional Solution to the Challenge of Islamic Criminal Law” (Panel Presentation)

Hamad Bin Khalifa University Faculty of Islamic Studies, Doha, Qatar, Workshop on Islamic Constitution in Transitional Times (also co-organizer), February 2019

“Not Your Father’s Islamic State: Re-Imagining Islamic Constitutionalism for Today’s Sharia-Minded Muslims” (Panel Presentation)

Princeton University, Religious Traditions and the Law conference, co-sponsor: Firestone Library and Bouton Law Lecture Fund, Princeton, NJ, December 5, 2018

“What is Islamic Constitutionalism?”

Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program, April 9, 2018

[“Islamic Constitutionalism: Not Secular. Not Theocratic. Not Impossible”](#) (Invited Lecture)

McGill Faculty of Law, Legal Theory Workshop, November 10, 2017

“Islamic Re-Constitutionalism” (Invited Lecture)

Istanbul Zaim University Center for Islam and Global Affairs, Conference on The Muslim Ummah: Synthesizing a New Paradigm, Analyzing Modern Challenges, Istanbul, Turkey, October 9, 2017

[“Re-defining the Role of Islamic Law in the Modern World”](#) (Panel Presentation)

[Arab Association of Constitutional Law, Conference on Religion and the State](#), Tunis, March 25, 2017

“Islamic Constitutionalism” (Panel Presentation)

Northwestern University Qatar, Middle East Studies Lecture, Doha, Qatar, March 22, 2017

“Islamic Constitutionalism” (Invited Lecture)

[Aga Khan Institute, Dialogue Series on Governance and Constitutions](#), London, England, March 15, 2016

“What is Islamic Government?” (Invited Lecture)

Oxford University, Center for Socio-Legal Studies, [The Socio-Legal and Islam: Intersections Between Shari‘a and State Law Workshop](#), March 14, 2016

“A New Islamic Constitutionalism” (Panel Presentation)

International Institute of Islamic Thought, Summer Scholars Institute, Constitutions and Pluralism in Muslim States and Societies, Herndon, VA, June 9, 2015

“Not Your Father’s Islamic State: Re-Imagining Islamic Constitutionalism for Today’s Sharia-Minded Muslims” (Panel Presentation)

Center for Law and Policy Studies, Jakarta, Indonesia, May 31, 2010

“A New Islamic Constitutionalism” (Panel Presentation)

Bayan Islamic Graduate School, Conference on Islamic Perspectives on Religious Freedom, Claremont, CA, April 16, 2016

[“Theorizing Islamic Constitutionalism Beyond the Islamic State: Protecting Religious Freedom and Honoring Sharia”](#) (Panel Presentation)

Clark Lecture Series, Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion conference, Camden NJ, March 26, 2015

“Islamic Constitutionalism. Not Secular. Not Theocratic. Not Impossible.” (Panel Presentation)

Afghan Legal Studies Conference, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law & Barmaki Organization for the Rule of Law, Kabul, Afghanistan, December 1-3, 2014

“Legal Pluralism in an Islamic State: Reflections on the Afghan Constitution” (Panel Presentation)

Northwestern University, Religious Freedom Workshop, October 17, 2013

“Islamic Constitutionalism” (Panel Presentation)

Ohio Northern Law School, Carhart Symposium, April 12, 2013

“Rethinking Sharia as Rule of Law” (Panel Presentation)

Section on Islamic Law Panel, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, New Orleans, January 6, 2013

“Islamic Constitutionalism. Not Secular. Not Theocratic. Not Impossible.” (Panel Presentation)

Journal of Law and Religion Symposium Conference, Emerging Voices in Islamic Jurisprudence, St. Paul, MN, September 28, 2012
“Rethinking Sharia as Rule of Law” (Panel Presentation)

Preview of “Law and What Religion?” article research

National Association of Muslim Lawyers (NAML) National Conference, virtual, November 19, 2021
“Litigating the Limits of Religious Freedom” (Panel Presentation)

On Comparative Constitutional Law and Legal Theory

[University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Keogh School of Global Affairs, Conference on Inalienable Rights and the Traditions of Constitutionalism](#), Notre Dame, Indiana, November 14-16, 2021

“More Humility, Less Certainty: A Sharia-based commentary on the Report of the Commission on Unalienable Rights” (Panel Presentation)

Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference , Section on Law and Religion, San Diego, January 10, 2009

“On Finality and Fallibility: Why Thinking Like a Qadi Helps Me Understand American Constitutional Law” (Panel Presentation)

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Conference on Challenges for the Afghan Constitution - Impulses from a Comparative Analysis, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, February 12-13, 2009

“The Separation of Powers in the Tradition of Muslim Governments” (Panel Presentation)

University of Wisconsin Law School Global Legal Studies Initiative (now Center), Dispute Resolution and Political Development Workshop, April 29, 2005

“The Separation of Powers in the Tradition of Muslim Governments” (Panel Presentation)

Cardozo Law School Program on Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies Inaugural Conference (Theme: Text, Tradition and Reason in Comparative Perspective), New York, October 9, 2004

“Interpretation and Historical Meaning in Islamic Jurisprudence” (Panel Presentation)

Hamline University Law School Twelfth Annual Law, Religion & Ethics Symposium (Theme: “What is Justice”), St. Paul, MN, October 14-15, 1999

“Restorative Justice and Islamic Law” (Panel Presentation)

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs Conference on Human Rights Agenda 21: Four Challenges for the Coming Century, October 16, 1998

“Islamic law and Human Rights” (Panel Presentation)

On Sharia in the United States

[University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Keogh School of Global Affairs, Conference on Inalienable Rights and the Traditions of Constitutionalism](#), Notre Dame, Indiana, November 14-16, 2021

“More Humility, Less Certainty: A Sharia-based commentary on the Report of the Commission on Unalienable Rights” (Panel Presentation)

[Brigham Young University, Conference on The Islamic World Today: Issues and Perspectives](#), Provo, Utah, October 18-19, 2021

“The Role of Shari’a in the North American Umma” (Panel Presentation)

Loyola University Chicago School of Law Conference on Law and Religion, March 22, 2012

“Religious Law in Civil Courts: The Implications of the ‘Anti-Sharia’ Law Movement in the United States” (Panel Presentation)

William and Mary Law School, Kraemer Middle East Distinguished Scholar in Residence, April 5, 2019

[“What Sharia Means for American Muslims and American Rule of Law”](#) (Invited Lecture)

University of Toledo, 2018 Cannon Lecture, September 27, 2018

[“Islamic Family Law in the United States: Islamophobia, American Secularism, and American Muslims”](#) (Invited Lecture)

Yale Law School, Kamel Center Lecture, February 13, 2018

[“Islamic Family Law in American Courts”](#) (Invited Lecture)

[Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Conference on Muslim American Citizenship: A Decade Since 9/11](#), NY, NY, October 7, 2011

“How Western courts deal with cases involving Islam” (Panel Presentation)

Duke University Middle East Center Department of Religion Series, “In the News: The Middle East and Islam,” Durham, NC, October 3, 2011

“The Anti-Sharia’ Law Movement in the United States” (Panel Presentation)

New York Law School Law Review Symposium conference, NY, NY, August 26, 2011

“Rumors of the Sharia Threat are Greatly Exaggerated” (Panel Presentation)

U.C. Berkeley Center on Institutions and Governance, Conference on Islamic Norms in Secular Public Spheres: Political Problems, Legal Issues, and Social Practices,” May 7-8, 2009

[“Muslim Family Law in US Courts”](#) (Panel Presentation)

Harvard University Conference on Islam in America 2001: Domestic Challenges, International Concerns & Historical Legacies, March 10, 2001

“The Feasibility of Muslim Courts/Tribunals in the U.S.” (Panel Presentation)

On Sharia and Women’s Rights

Northwestern University Qatar, Public Lecture, Doha, Qatar, March 23, 2017

“How not to talk about Muslim Feminism” (Invited Lecture)

Loyola University (Chicago) Islamic World Studies Program, Chicago, IL, February 16, 2017

“Overplayed: Sharia, Women and Why We’ve Heard this Song Way Too Many Times” (Invited Lecture)

Northwestern University, Many Faces of Feminism: Secular and Religious Convergences, February 26, 2014

“Western Advocacy for Muslim Women: It’s Not Just the Thought that Counts” (Panel Presentation)

NATO School & ISISC (International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Science), Seminar on Sharia Law and Military Operations, Siracusa, Italy, November 27, 2013

“Introduction to Islamic Law and Women’s Rights” (Panel Presentation)

Princeton University, Islam in Conversation Series, “Faith & Feminism: Does Religion Help or Hinder Gender Justice,” Princeton, NJ, March 29, 2011

“Western Advocacy for Muslim Women: It’s Not Just the Thought that Counts” (Panel Presentation)

U. Wisconsin-Milwaukee Middle East and North Africa Speaker Series, Milwaukee, WI, February 26, 2010

“What is Shari’a and Why Does it Matter for Feminism?” (Invited Lecture)

U.C. Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Law Series, March 18, 2008

“Who Says Shari’a Demands the Stoning of Women?: A Commentary on Islamic Law and Constitutionalism” (Panel Presentation)

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Feminism, Secularism and Religion Panel, Berlin, Germany, July 28, 2007

“Western Advocacy for Muslim Women: It’s Not Just the Thought that Counts” (Panel Presentation)

Harvard University Islam and the West Program, Cambridge, MA, May 3, 2007

“Who’s Who in Islamic Feminism: A Brief Review of American Muslim Writings on Islamic Law and Women’s Rights” (Invited Lecture)

University of Wisconsin-Madison Women’s Studies Research Center Transnational Feminism Colloquium Series, February 27, 2006

“Western Advocacy for Muslim Women: It’s Not Just the Thought that Counts” (Panel Presentation)

National Lawyers Guild Annual Convention, Panel on The Fundamentals of Islam and How It Is Presently Being Applied in Various Mid-East Regimes, Pasadena, CA, October 18, 2002
“Islamic Law and Legal Discourse behind the Headlines: Adultery Cases, Feminism, and the Future” (Panel Presentation)

Lund University Conference honoring the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Lund, Sweden, March 23, 1999
“Human Rights and Muslim Women” (Panel Presentation)

Harvard Law School International Alumni Congress Rome, Italy, June, 1998
“Islamic Law, Women and Reform” (Panel Presentation)

Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference, Muslim Women’s Scholarship-Activism Panel, December, 1995
“Her Honor: An Islamic Critique of the Rape Laws of Pakistan from a Woman-Sensitive Perspective” (Panel Presentation)

On Sharia generally

Catholic Leuven University, Gulen Chair for Intercultural Studies, Leuven, Belgium, April 25, 2013
“Islamic Law between Constitutional Law and Islamic Jurisprudence” (Invited Lecture)

NATO School & ISISC (International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Science) Seminar on Sharia Law and Military Operations, Siracusa, Italy, November 30, 2011
“Islam and Minority Rights” (Panel Presentation)

Princeton University Islam in Conversation Series, Princeton, NJ, March 29, 2011
“What is Sharia” (Invited Lecture)

University of British Columbia, St. John’s College, Manufacturing Islam: Muslim Identities in the 21st Century Series, Vancouver, Canada, February 2, 2008
“Law and Islam” (Invited Lecture)

On Islam and Muslims in America

CORAL (Council on Religion and Law), Religious Lawyering at Twenty conference, Fordham Law School, New York, NY, Sept. 14, 2018
“Muslim Lawyers in America: A Personal Narrative History” (Panel Presentation)

Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, November 21, 2004
“Teaching about Islam in the Pre-Collegiate Classroom Panel” (Panel Presentation)

Public Lectures and Presentations

On Muslims, Democracy, and Voting

U.C. Berkeley Center for Middle Eastern Studies - Bayan Islamic Graduate School webinar series, virtual, February 15, 2021

[“Democracy, Muslim Civic Engagement, and Shari'a”](#) (Panel Presentation)

U. Wisconsin Muslim Student Association & Middle Eastern Law Student Association), virtual speaker series, October 30, 2020

[“Why Wisconsin’s Muslims Should Vote – the Real Reason”](#)

Muslim Public Affairs Annual Convention, Long Beach, CA, November 10, 2018

[“The American Muslim Voter”](#)

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, Perspectives on a Post-9/11 World, Madison, WI, September 11, 2011

[“Islam and America: Citizenship and Democracy”](#)

On Anti-Sharia Legislation & Sharia in US courts

[Conference on “Global Islamophobia: Understanding its Roots, Challenging its Impact,”](#)

Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Faculty of Islamic Studies Doha, Qatar, February 2, 2020

“Anti-Sharia Legislation and US Islamophobia”

Western District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Annual Meeting Luncheon Keynote, Madison, WI, June 1, 2017

“What is Sharia and What does it Have to do With American Courts?”

American Islamic College, Chicago, IL, February 16, 2017

[“Don’t Call it Sharia Law: How to Counter the Anti-Sharia Campaign in the United States”](#)

American Civil Liberties Union Seminar on the Intersection of Islamic Family Law and Texas Family Law, Houston, TX, September 25, 2009

“Muslim Marriage Cases in American Courts”

Muslim Professionals Association, Milwaukee, WI, October 14, 2007

“The Fatwa and the Deposition: What Happens when Islamic Law meets American Law?”

On Constitutional Law

Muslim Public Affairs Council Convention, Los Angeles, CA, November 5, 2017

[“Religious Liberty”](#) (panel discussion with Nathan Walker)

Madison Public Library [Commentary on Korematsu v. United States and the Internment of Japanese Americans During WWII](#), Madison, WI April 28, 2017

“The Muslim Ban”

On Sharia and Women's Rights

State Bar of Illinois Bar, Seminar and film screening of "The Judge," Chicago, IL, December 7, 2018

"Thinking about Sharia, Common Law, and Women judges"

MECA (Muslims Establishing Communities in America), Santa Monica, CA, October 10, 2015

"How Not to Talk about Muslim Feminism"

Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights, EU office (co-sponsored by U.S. Embassy), Brussels, Belgium, April 27, 2013

"Women's Rights, Islamic Law, and Europe"

University of Southern California & Islamic Center of Southern California Conference on Contemporary Islamic Thought, Los Angeles, CA, October 17, 2009

"Women's Rights beyond Rhetoric"

Vancouver Institute, Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 2, 2008

["Islamic Law, Women and the Headlines: A Commentary"](#)

Aspen Institute Women, Islam, and the West Symposium, co-sponsored by American Society for Muslim Advancement and the Cordoba Initiative, Aspen, CO, August 20-21, 2007

"Women and Islamic Law"

WISE (Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equity) Inaugural Conference, New York, NY, November 17-19, 2006

"Islamic legal reform and Women's Rights"

Wisconsin Women's Philanthropy Council, Madison, WI, April 27, 2006

"Western Advocacy for Muslim Women: It's Not Just the Thought that Counts"

The Asia Foundation, Women and Islam Workshop, Columbo, Sri Lanka, May 26-28, 2003

"Islamic Law and Women's Empowerment"

Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, October 15, 2002

"What does it Mean for Women? Contemporary Applications of Islamic Law"

United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, NGO Forum, Huairou, China, September, 1995

"Challenges and Opportunities Facing American Muslim Women"

On Islamophobia

National Association of Muslim Lawyers Strategic Planning Workshop, Presidential address, Columbia Law School, January 28, 2017

["We're going in: Advice to Muslim lawyers in the Trump Era"](#)

On Sharia Generally

John Carroll University Bediuzzaman Said Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies Community Iftar Dinner, University Heights, OH, June 16, 2016
“Islam and Diversity”

CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) – New York, Annual Banquet Keynote Speaker, New York, May 12, 2012
“Unity is not Uniformity and other Sharia Insights for a Multi-cultural America”

Madison Civics Club, Madison, WI, November 17, 2007
“What Americans Don’t Know about Islamic Law May Surprise Them”

Jewish Social Services of Madison, Madison, WI, January 29, 2007
“Introduction to Islamic Law”

National Consortium on Race and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Annual Conference, Opening Speaker, Atlanta, GA, April 14, 2005
“Islamic Law”

Bascom Hill Society Showcase, Madison, WI, November 15, 2005
“Islamic Law as Comparative Law: Thoughts of a Muslim Yankee Law Professor”

Legal Association for Women, Madison, WI, October 12, 2005
“Introducing Islamic Law to American Lawyers: What You Don’t Know May Surprise You”

MEDIA APPEARANCES

[Understanding Sharia Amid the Taliban Takeover of Afghanistan](#), WUWM 89.7 (Milwaukee’s National Public Radio), September 13, 2021 (interview with Joy Powers)

[Does Sharia Always Mean Oppressive Laws?](#) Dave Roos, HowStuffWorks, August 24, 2021 (quoted extensively)

[Noon Wednesday](#), Here & Now, PBS Wisconsin, April 17, 2019 (Interview about sharia with Marisa Wojcik)

Radiowest, [“Women, Sharia Law, and The Judge”](#) (commentary with director of new documentary of the first woman on the Palestinian sharia court), May 11, 2018

KUOW (Seattle), [“Want to Argue About Sharia? Here’s What it Means”](#) June 9, 2017 (interview with Kim Malcolm)

Center for American Progress (co-sponsored by Institute for Social Policy and Understanding), [What Sharia Is – and Isn’t: Examining the anti-Sharia Movement in America webcast](#) July 26, 2011

[Here on Earth: Radio Without Borders, host Jean Feraca, Inside Islam Series](#), “Women and Shari’a Law” episode, December 4, 2008 (interview with Jean Feraca)

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

Current

Interim Co-Executive Director, Muslim Advocates, June 2021 – present

Past

Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, “Covering American Muslims Objectively and Creatively: A Guide for Media Professionals” day-long training (March 18, 2019)

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, Global Muslim Survey, Consultant (report released April 2013)

Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Task Force on Religion and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy, Consultant (Report released February 24, 2010)

United States Delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, Chair), Public Delegate, March 1-12, 2010

Muslims for Mukhtaran Mai (Pakistani survivor of jirga-ordered gang rape), co-organizer and author of public statement signed by eleven national and nineteen regional American Muslim organizations, October 31, 2005

Clemency Appeal for Bariya Ibrahim Magazu (Nigerian woman sentenced to lashing for fornication), author and legal consultant for clemency appeal brief submitted by Network of Progressive Muslims, February, 2001

“JAG” (Paramount Pictures, Bellisarius Productions), Episode 118 (“The Princess and the Petty Officer”), Consultant on Islamic law, September, 2000

The White House, Race Relations Initiative Meeting (sixteen-participant meeting advising President Clinton on minority civil rights issues), Advisory Invitee, January 12, 1998

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS & OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Current

Institutions of Higher Learning

College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar Foundation, Member, Advisory Board (April 2018 – present)

Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School, President, Board of Trustees (September 2020-present) (Chair, Academic Committee, 2014 – August 2020)

Journals

Law and Social Inquiry, Cambridge Press, [Member, Editorial Board](#) (2021-2023)

Journal of Islam and Rights (published by Brill for the Adamiyya Society for the Study of Islam and Rights (ASIR)), Member, Advisory Board (March 2021 – present)

Journal of Law and Religion, Emory University School of Law, Member, International Advisory Board (2013 – present)

Islamic Studies Journal (peer-reviewed journal published by Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan), Member, Advisory Board (2008 – present)

Professional Affiliations

Ishan Standard, a project of Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy, Member Advisory Council (August 2021-present)

International Society for Islamic Legal Studies, Member, Executive Committee (Spring 2019 – present; Member 2004 (inauguration) – present)

Association of American Law Schools Section on Islamic Law, Member, Executive Committee (2005 – present; Chair 2008-2009)

Public Service

Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Board member, August 2021-present

Muslim Public Service Network, Member, Board of Directors, March 2018 – present

Muslim Public Affairs Council, Member, National Advisory Council, (June 2017-present)

Islamic Scholarship Fund, Advisory Board (Fall 2020 – present)

MAPS (Muslim Americans in Public Service), Advisory Board (Fall 2020 – present)

The British Council, Member, Our Shared Future Opinion Leaders Network (August 2011 – present)

Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, Fellow (2011 – present)

Muslim Youth Camp of California, Member Board of Directors (1995- present; Board Chair 2014-present)

Past

Institutions of Higher Learning

Georgetown University Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding, Member, Academic Council (September 2017-September 2020)

LUMS (Lahore University of Management Sciences) International Advisory Board (2019 – 2021)

Journals

LUMS (Lahore University of Management Sciences) Law Journal, Member, Editorial Board (March 2019-2021)

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Muslim Lawyers (NAML), Member, Board of Directors (January 2018 – January 2020) (co-founder and former President)

Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Faculty Steering Committee 2004-2010 & 2013-2016)
Muslim Advocates (co-founder and Board of Directors, 2005 – 2016)

Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights (Board of Advisors 1999-2010, Board of Directors 1994-1999, President 1996, Vice President 1995, Member of Delegation to United Nations World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995)

Association of American Law Schools Section on Law and Religion (Executive Committee, 2009-2011; Chair, 2010)

Journal of Law and Religion (published at Hamline University School of Law) (Board of Directors – 2005-2013)

Fulbright CASA III Fellow, Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt, Summer 2008

Public Service

Muslim Women's League, Advisor (1993 – 2005), 1995 Delegate, United Nations World Conference on Women

American Muslims Intent on Learning and Activism (founding board member 1993-1998)