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Current Positions

- *Professorial Research Associate*, School of History, Religions and Philosophies, SOAS University of London (since 2012)
- *Section Editor – Southeast and South Asia*, Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History 1500-1900 (CMR1900) Project, University of Birmingham/AHRC/Brill, www.birmingham.ac.uk/cm1900 (since 2012)
- *Senior Research Fellow*, Australian College of Theology (since October 2019)

Education

- PhD, Australian National University, 1985 (Thesis: *A Critical Study of `Abd al-Ra'uf al-Singkili's Tarjuman al-Mustafid*; Supervisor – Professor A.H. Johns)
- Master of Arts (Qual), Australian National University, 1979 (Major in Modern Standard Arabic; Thesis: *Semantic Change in Malay/Indonesian*)
- Graduate Diploma in Divinity, St Mark's National Theological Centre, 1997
- Graduate Diploma in Education, Sydney Teachers College, 1976
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney, 1974 (Majors: French Language and Literature; Indonesian and Malay Studies)

Membership of Professional Societies

- Fellow, Royal Society of the Arts, London (since 2003)
- Member, Royal Asiatic Society - Malaysian Branch (since 1984)

Experience

2008-19 *Vice Principal Academic* (2012-2019); *Director of Postgraduate Studies* (2016-2019); *Director, Centre for the Study of Islam and Other Faiths* (2008-2014); Melbourne School of Theology

2015 (May-Jun) *Directeur d'Etudes Invité*, L'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Sorbonne, Paris

1999-2001 *Visiting Lecturer* in the Modern History of Southeast Asia (PT), History Department, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

1996-2007 *Director, Centre for Islamic Studies*, London School of Theology
[*Senior Lecturer* (1996-2002) ► *Professorial Chair* in Islamic Studies (2003)]

1993-95 *Regional Manager, East & Southeast Asia*, World Vision Australia

1990-1993 Various responsibilities with International Development Program of Australian Universities and Colleges Ltd. [IDP], Canberra

1991-95 *Lecturer/Tutor* in Arabic and Islamic Studies (PT), West Asia Centre, Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University

- 1988-90 *Postdoctoral/Research Fellow*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Research Project: “Controversy in Qur’anic Exegesis and its Relevance to the Malayo-Indonesian World”
- 1985-88 *Lecturer* ► *Senior Lecturer* in English Language Training,
University of New England, IPB-Australia Project, Bogor, Indonesia
- 1985 *Tutor* in Arabic (PT), West Asia Centre, Faculty of Asian Studies,
Australian National University
- 1979-84 *Postgraduate student*, Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University [included research periods at Pusat Dokumentasi Aceh, Indonesia and L’Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Sorbonne, Paris]

Service on Editorial/Advisory Boards

- I am a member of the international editorial boards of the following:
 - *Al-Bayan: Journal of Qur’an and Hadith Studies* (Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya)
 - *Harran Journal: An International Journal of Religion*, Bozok University, Turkey,
<http://www.harranjournal.org/>
 - *Jurnal Suhuf* (Lajnah Pentahihan Mushaf Al-Qur’an, Jakarta)
 - *Mahawangsa* (Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, Universiti Putra Malaysia)
 - *The South Asian Journal of Religion & Philosophy* (Centre for Research and Development, Minhaj University Lahore)

Peer Review Experience

- I have served as peer reviewer and/or consulting editor for the following refereed academic journals:
 - *Al-Bayan: Journal of Qur’an and Hadith Studies*
 - *Bijdragen tot de Taal, Land en Volkenkunde*
 - *Indonesia and the Malay World*
 - *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*
 - *Journal of Contemporary Religion*
 - *Jurnal Suhuf*, Indonesian National Library
 - *National Identities*
 - *Open Theology*
 - *South Asian Journal of Religion & Philosophy*
 - *South East Asia Research*
 - *Southeast Asian Studies*
 - *Studia Islamika*
 - *Transformation*
 - *Translation and Interpreting Studies*
- In addition, I have served as peer reviewer for a range of scholarly publishers, making recommendations on submitted manuscripts:
 - Bloomsbury Publishing
 - Cambridge University Press
 - Hurst Publishers

- I.B.Tauris Publishers
- Oxford University Press,
- Routledge Publications

Consultancy experience

- External Assessor, Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya (since 2015)
- External Assessor for Asian/Islamic Studies, Australian National University Quality Review (2004, 2008, 2010)
- Archbishop of Canterbury's Initiative in Christian/Muslim Relations, London (2001-2004)
- Consultant to Australian Government aid projects, World Vision (1993-1995)
- International Development Program of Australian Universities and Colleges Ltd. (1985-1993)

Areas of Research Interest

Islam in Southeast Asia; Qur'anic studies; modern trends in Islam; History (medieval and modern); Christian-Muslim Relations

Research Supervision

- Supervision to completion: 19 research Doctorate (PhD, ThD), 16 research Master (MTh, MPhil);
- Current PhD candidates: 6

Language proficiency

- Modern Languages (fully fluent): English, French, Indonesian/Malay
- Classical Languages (reading proficiency): Classical Arabic, Hebrew, Latin, Jawi Malay

Publications (selected)

I have published six single author books, 16 edited volumes, and over 100 scholarly articles and chapters in refereed journals and books. The following is a selection:

Publications

Books (selected):

- *Malay Court Religion, Culture and Language: Interpreting the Qur'an in 17th Century Aceh*, Leiden: Brill, 2017
- *Christians and Muslims: Pressures and Potential in a post 9/11 world*, Leicester: Inter-Varsity Press, 2004
- With Peter Cotterell, *Islam in Context: Past, Present, and Future*, Grand Rapids MI, Baker Academic, 2003
- *Islam and the Malay-Indonesian World: Transmission and Responses*, London, C. Hurst & Co.; Hawaii, Univ. of Hawaii Press; Singapore, Horizon Press, 2001
- *Transferring a Tradition: `Abd al-Ra'uf al-Singkili's Rendering into Malay of the Jalalayn Commentary*, Berkeley, CA, Centers for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, (Monograph Series No. 31), 1990

Edited Volumes (selected):

- R. Nicholls & P.G. Riddell (eds.), *Voices from the Heart: Insights into Sufism*, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020
- (with M. Daneshgar & A. Rippin eds.) *The Qur'an in the Malay-Indonesian World: Context and Interpretation*, Routledge, 2016
- R. Nicholls & P.G. Riddell (eds), *Faiths in Conversation: Comparative Themes and Perspectives across the Religions*, Occasional Papers in the Study of Islam and Other Faiths No.5, Melbourne: MST Press, 2015
- B.J. Neely & P.G. Riddell (eds), *Islam and the Last Day: Christian Perspectives on Islamic Eschatology*, Occasional Papers in the Study of Islam and Other Faiths No.4, Melbourne: MST Press, 2014
- J. Azumah & P. G. Riddell, *Islam and Christianity on the Edge: Talking Points in Christian-Muslim Relations into the 21st Century*, Melbourne: Acorn Press, 2013
- With Beverly Smith Riddell, *Angels and Demons: Perspectives and practice in diverse religious traditions*, Leicester: IVP, 2007 // Polish edition: *Anioły i demony w różnych religiach świata*, Kraków: Wydawnictwo WAM, 2009
- With Tony Street, *Islam: Essays on Scripture, Thought and Society*, Leiden: Brill, 1997

Refereed Chapters and Journal Articles (selected, 2015-2020)

- “Qur’anic Concepts of Believer and Unbeliever, with particular reference to Sura al-Kahf”, *Īstikāmet* (forthcoming October 2020)
- “Islam and Person: Historical and Contemporary Debates”, *South Asian Journal of Religion and Philosophy* 1/1 (October 2019), 38-51
- “Abd al-Samad al-Palimbani”, in D. Thomas et al (eds.), *A Bibliographical History of Christian-Muslim Relations, vol. 12: Asia, Africa and the Americas (1700-1800)*, Leiden: Brill, 2018, 614-20
- (with D. Pratt) “Christians and Muslims in East Asia and Australasia”, in D. Thomas (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Christian-Muslim Relations*, Oxford: Routledge, 2018, 413-22
- “Christians and Muslims in Southeast Asia: Attitudes inherited, transmitted, consolidated and challenged”, *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 29/1 (2018), 21-36
- “The Implanting of Islam in Southeast Asia”, in I. Donoso (ed.), *More Islamic than we Admit: Insights into Philippine Cultural History*, Manila: Vibal Publishing House, 2017, 61-89
- “Reading the Qur’ān Chronologically: An Aid to Discourse Coherence and Thematic Development”, in M. Daneshgar & W. Saleh (eds), *Islamic Studies Today: Essays in Honor of Andrew Rippin*, Leiden: Brill, 2016, 297-316
- “Tafsīr Sūrat al-Kahf”, in D. Thomas et al (eds.), *A Bibliographical History of Christian-Muslim Relations, vol. 11: Asia, Africa and the Americas*, Leiden: Brill, 2016, 277-79
- (With Ervan Nurtawab) “Nūr al-Dīn al-Rānīrī”, in D. Thomas et al (eds.), *A Bibliographical History of Christian-Muslim Relations, vol. 11: Asia, Africa and the Americas*, Leiden: Brill, 2016, 356-63
- “‘Abd al-Ra’ūf al-Singkīlī”, in D. Thomas et al (eds.), *A Bibliographical History of Christian-Muslim Relations, vol. 11: Asia, Africa and the Americas*, Leiden: Brill, 2016, 411-17
- “Introduction: Christian-Muslim Relations in the 17th Century (Asia, Africa and the Americas)”, in D. Thomas et al (eds.), *A Bibliographical History of Christian-Muslim Relations, vol. 11: Asia, Africa and the Americas*, Leiden: Brill, 2016, 1-13
- “Classical Tafsīr in the Malay World: Emerging Trends in 17th Century Malay Exegetical Writing”, in Daneshgar, M., Riddell, P. & Rippin, A. (eds.), *The Qur'an in the Malay-Indonesian World: Context and Interpretation*, London: Routledge, 2016, 25-38

- “Three pioneering Malay works of Qur’anic Exegesis: a comparative study”, In Douglas Pratt, John Chesworth, John Davies and Jon Hoover (eds.), *The Character of Christian-Muslim Encounter. Essays in Honour of David Thomas*, Leiden: Brill, 2015, 309-25
- “Aceh [?] before 1624: Tafsir Surat al-Kahf”, in Annabel Gallop (ed.), *A Jawi sourcebook for the study of Malay palaeography and orthography: Special issue in honour of E.U. Kratz*, in *Indonesia and the Malay World* 43/125 (March 2015), 44-45

Conference Papers/Public Lectures (selected, 2014-2020)

- “Exegesis across cultures: Reconfiguring Arabic tafsir for Southeast Asian audiences”, *Freiburg conversations on tafsir and transregional Islamic networks*, July 8, 2020 [international meeting by Zoom]
- “Christians and Muslims in Southeast Asia, 15th to 19th centuries”, Southeast Asian Studies Program, Graduate School, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, 22 November, 2019
- “The Concept of Person in Islam”, *Conference on Key Concepts in Interreligious Discourses: The Concept of Person in Judaism, Christianity and Islam*, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, 13 February, 2019
- “Malay Literature and the Qur’an”, Centre of South East Asian Studies Seminar, SOAS University of London, 27 February, 2019
- “Christians and Muslims in Southeast Asia”, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore, India, 20 February 2017
- “Camb. MS Or. Gg.6.40: A Window into Marvellous and Miraculous Events”, Association of Southeast Asian Studies UK Annual Conference, SOAS, University of London, 17 September 2016
- “Interpreting the Qur’an in 17th Century Aceh”, Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Brunei Darussalam, 13 September 2016
- “L’exégèse du Coran dans le Monde Malais du Xviiè Siècle”, EPHE-Sorbonne, Paris, 15 May – 5 June 2015
- “Perceptions of the Religious Other in Southeast Asia: the baggage of history”, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 7 October 2014
- “Tafsir al-Qur’an in the 17th Century Malay World”, Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya, 23 September 2014
- “Variations on an exegetical theme: early Tafsīr in the Malay world”, International Conference on *Southeast Asian Islam: Legacy And New Interpretation*, Syahida Inn, UIN Jakarta, 14th-16th August, 2014
- “Variations on an exegetical theme: reflections on early Malay works of tafsir al-Qur’an”, *Melbourne Qur’an Seminars*, National Centre for Contemporary Islamic Studies, The University of Melbourne, 22 July 2014
- “Concepts of Believer and Unbeliever in Sūra al-Kahf: Ingredients for Interfaith Dialogue?”, *Second International Symposium on Rethinking The Qur’an, Concepts & Terms in the Qur’an*, 10-11 May 2014, Ankara, Turkey