

Curriculum Vitae

I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. PERSONAL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Address and Phone Number</u>	<u>University Address and Phone Number</u>
Walid Ahmad Saleh	405-169 St. George St. Toronto, ON, M54 2M4 Canada. Phone: (647)-710-0921	Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto. 4 Bancroft Ave. Toronto, ON, M5S 1C1 Canada. Phone: (416)-946-3421 Email: walid.saleh@utoronto.ca

2. DEGREES

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>
- Doctor of Philosophy	2001	Yale University
<u>Title of Graduate Thesis and Supervisor's name:</u> <i>The Qur'an Commentary of al-Tha`labi (d.427/1035) supervised by Gerhard Boewering.</i>		
- Master of Arts	1996	Yale University
- Bachelor of Arts	1989	American University of Beirut

3. EMPLOYMENT

- Unit of primary appointment: Department for the Study of Religion (RLG).
- Unit of secondary appointment: Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (NMC).
- Present appointments: University of Toronto.
 - Graduate Coordinator and Associate Chair of NMC: 2016 – 2020.
 - Director of Institute of Islamic Studies: 2012 – present.
 - Associate Professor: 2007 – present.
- Date of appointment to graduate school: 2002.
- Date of tenure award: 2007.
- Previous appointments:
 - University of Toronto, Assistant Professor: 2002 – 2007.
 - Middlebury College (Vermont, USA), Assistant Professor: 1999 – 2002.

4. HONOURS

- University of Toronto, Distinguished Professor: 2010 – 2013 (Title conferred by the Provost's office).

5. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

2016 – 2021	Editorial Board of Journal of the American Academy of Religion
2014	Editor of Comparative Islamic Studies Journal
2013 – now	Editor Routledge Qur'anic Studies Series
2012 – now	Editorial Board of Journal of Qur'anic Studies

II. ACADEMIC HISTORY

6. A. RESEARCH SPECIALITIES

- Qur'ān
- History of Quranic commentaries (*tafsir*)
- Muslim-Jewish, Muslim-Christian Interactions
- The Bible in Islam
- Arabic Mirabilia Literature (*'ajā'ib*)
- History of the Book in the Arab world
- Apocalyptic Islamic Literature

B. RESEARCH AWARDS (grants, contracts, fellowships) during preceding 5 years:

Name of Agency	Date of Award	Duration	Total Amount
- Institute of Advanced Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.	2016	June – August, 2016	Travel and Living Expenses
- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (Religious Materiality).	2014	2 years	\$175,000 USD (Co-winner with three other U of T faculty members)
- The Islamic Manuscript Association.	2014	April 2015 – May 2015	\$4000 USD
- Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto.	2012	2013 – 2014	Full-year research Sabbatical (Declined)
- Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Studies, Harvard University.	2012	2013 – 2014	\$70,000 (Declined)
- The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.	February, 2012	One month	\$4000 CAD
- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. New Directions.	2009	2009– 2012	\$350,000 USD

III. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK

7. REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

A. Articles	# of pages
- “Rereading al-Ṭabarī through al-Māturīdī: New Light on the Third Century Hijrī.” <i>Journal of Qur’anic Studies</i> , vol.18, no.2 (2016): 180 – 209.	30
- “A Piecemeal Qur’ān: Furqān and its Meaning in Classical Islam and in Modern Qur’anic Studies.” <i>Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam</i> , vol.42 (2015): 31 – 71.	41

- “The Gloss as Intellectual History: The Hāshiyahs on al-Kashshāf.” *Oriens*, vol.41, no.3-4 (2013): 217 – 259. **43**
- “An Arabic Translation of Ignaz Goldziher’s *Die Richtungen der islamischen Koranauslegung*.” *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*, vol.14, no.1 (2012): 201 – 214. [Article written in Arabic] **14**
- “Marginalia and the Periphery: A Tunisian Modern Historian and the History of Qur’anic Exegesis.” *Numen*, vol.58, no.2-3 (2011): 284 – 313. **30**
- “Preliminary Remarks on the Historiography of Tafsir in Arabic: A History of the Book Approach.” *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*, vol.12, no.1-2 (2010): 6 – 40. **35**
- Review of *Muhammad is Not the Father of Any of Your Men: The Making of the Last Prophet*, by David S. Powers. *Comparative Islamic Studies*, vol.6, no.1-2 (2010): 249 – 262. **14**
- “A Fifteenth-Century Muslim Hebraist: Al-Biqai’s Bible Treatise and His Defence of Using the Bible to Interpret the Qur’an.” *Speculum*, vol.83, no.3 (2008): 629 – 654. **26**
- “The Last of the Nishapuri School of Tafsir: Al-Wahidi and his Significance in the History of Quranic Exegesis.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, vol.126, no.2 (2006): 223 – 243. **21**
- “In Search of a Comprehensible Qur’an: A Survey of Some Recent Scholarly Works.” *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies*, vol.5, no.2 (2003): 143 – 162. **20**

B. Book Chapters

of pages

- “Contemporary Tafsir: The Rise of Scriptural Theology.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Qur’anic Studies*, edited by Mustafa Shah. (forthcoming)
- “Medieval Exegesis: The Golden Age of Tafsir.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Qur’anic Studies*, edited by Mustafa Shah. (forthcoming)
- “Paradise in an Islamic ‘Ajā’ib Work: The Delight of Onlookers and the Signs for Investigators of Mar’i (d. 1033/1624).” In *Roads to Paradise: Eschatology and Concepts of the Hereafter in Islam*, edited by Sebastian Gunther and Todd Lawson, 931 – 952. Leiden: Brill, 2017. (forthcoming) **22**
- “End of Hope: Sūras 10-15, Despair and a Way out of Mecca.” In *Qur’anic Studies Today*, edited by Angelika Neuwirth and Michael Sells, 105 – 123. London and New York: Routledge, 2016. **19**
- “The Hebrew Bible in Islam.” In *The Cambridge Companion to the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament*, edited by Stephen B. Chapman and Marvin A. Sweeney, 407 – 425. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. **19**
- “al-Biqā’ī seen through Reuchlin: Reflections on the Islamic Relationship with the Bible.” In *Medieval Exegesis and Religious Differences: Commentary, Conflict, and Community in the Premodern Mediterranean*, edited by Ryan Szpiech, 58 – 67. New York: Fordham University Press, 2015. **10**

- “The *Hāshiyah* of Ibn al-Munayyir (d. 683/1284) on al-Kashshāf of al-Zamakhsharī.” In *Books and Written Culture of the Islamic World*, edited by Andrew Rippin and Roberto Tottoli, 86 – 90. Leiden: Brill, 2015. 5
- “The Psalms in the Qur’an and the Islamic Religious Imagination.” In *The Oxford Handbook of the Psalms*, edited by William P. Brown, 281 – 296. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. 16
- “Reflections on Muslim Hebraism: Codex Vindobonensis Palatinus and al-Biqā‘i.” In *A Sea of Languages: Rethinking the Arabic Role in Medieval Literary History*, edited by Suzanne Conklin Akbari and Karla Mallette, 71 – 81. Toronto: Toronto University Press, 2013. 11
- “The Introduction to al-Wahidi’s al-Basit: An Edition, Translation, and Commentary.” In *Aims Methods and Contexts of Qur’anic Exegesis (2nd/8th – 9th/15th)*, edited by Karen Baure, 67 – 100. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. 34
- Saleh, Walid and Kevin Casey. “An Islamic Diatessaron: al-Biqā‘i’s Harmony of the Four Gospels.” In *Translating the Bible into Arabic: Historical, Text-Critical and Literary Aspects*, edited by Sara Binay and Stefan Leder, 85 – 115. Beirut: Ergon Verlag Wuerzber, 2012. 31
- “Ibn Taymiyya and the Rise of Radical Hermeneutics: An Analysis of An Introduction to the Foundation of Qur’ānic Exegesis.” In *Ibn Taymiyya and His Times*, edited by Shahab Ahmed and Yossef Rapport, 123 – 162. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2010. 40
- “The Arabian Context of Muhammad’s Life.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Muhammad*, edited by Jonathan Brockopp, 21 – 38. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. 18
- “The Etymological Fallacy and Quranic Studies: Muhammad, Paradise, and Late Antiquity.” In *The Qur’ān in Context: Historical and Literary Investigations into the Qur’ānic Milieu*, edited by Angelika Neuwirth, Nicolai Sinai, and Michael Marx, 649 – 698. Leiden: Brill, 2010. 50
- “Word.” In *Key Themes for the Study of Islam*, edited by Jamal J. Elias, 356 – 376. Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2010. 21

C. Monographs

of pages

- ***In Defence of the Bible: A Critical Edition and an Introduction to al-Biqā‘ī’s Bible Treatise. Leiden: Brill, 2008.*** **223**

Reviews:

- Li Guo, *University of Toronto Quarterly*, vol.80, no.2 (2011): 270 – 271.
- Gerald Hawting, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol.20, no.4 (2010): 549 – 551.
- David Vishanoff, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, vol.129, no.2 (2009): 323 – 325.
- Kathryn Kueny, *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, vol. 26 (2009): 105 – 107.
- Islam Dayeh, *Journal of Quranic Studies*, vol.10, no.2 (2008): 101 – 107.

- *The Formation of the Classical Tafsir Tradition: The Qur'an Commentary of al-Tha`labi (d. 427/1035)*. Leiden: Brill, 2004. 267

Reviews:

- Hans-Thomas Tillschneider, *Welt des Islams*, vol.48, no.1 (2008): 111 – 117.
- Sajjad H. Rizvi, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* vol.24, no.3 (2007): 130 – 132.
- Atif Khalil, *Studies in Religion*, vol.35, no.3-4 (2006): 610 – 611.
- Omar Ali-de-Unzaga, *Journal of Quranic Studies*, vol.8, no.1 (2006): 119 – 125.
- Herbert Berg, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* vol.37, no.4 (2005): 617 – 619.
- Karen Bauer, *Journal of the American Oriental Studies*, vol.125, no.3 (2005): 470 – 473.
- Stefan Wild, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol.15, no.2 (2005): 228 – 230.
- Uri Rubin, *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam*, vol.30 (2005): 540 – 543.
- H. Masud Taj, *The Muslim World Book Review*, vol.25, no.1 (2004): 36 – 38.

D. Works Edited

Guest Editor of a special issue of *Comparative Islamic Studies*, vol.6, no.1-2 (2010).
Title of the Special issue: *Islam and the Bible*, 268 pages. 7 articles as follows:

- Freidenreich, David M. “Holiness and Impurity in the Torah and the Quran: Differences within a Common Typology.”
- Greifenhagen, F.V. “Scripture Wars: Contemporary Polemical Discourses of Bible Versus Quran on the Internet.”
- Guenther, Alan M. “Christian Responses to Ahmad Khan’s Commentary on the Bible.”
- Pregill, Michael E. “‘Turn in Repentance to your Creator, then Slay Yourselves’: The Levitical Election, Atonement, and Secession in Early and Classical Islamic Exegesis.”
- Vishanoff, David R. “Why Do the Nations Rage? Boundaries of Canon and Community in a Muslim’s Rewriting of Psalm 2.”
- Wood, Simon A. “Researching ‘The Scripture of the Other’: Niqula Ghabriyal’s Researches of the Mujtahids and Rashid Rida’s Rejoinder.”
- Wright, Matthews Peter. “Critical Approaches to the ‘Farewell Khutba’ in Ibn Ishaq’s Life of the Prophet.”

8. NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

- | A. Book Chapters | # of pages |
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| - “Quranic Commentaries.” In <i>The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary</i> , edited by Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Caner K. Dagli, Maria Massi Dakake, Joseph E. Lombard, and Mohammed Rustom, 1645 – 1658. New York: HarperOne, 2015. | 14 |

- “ ‘Sublime in Its Style, Exquisite in Its Tenderness’: The Hebrew Bible Quotations in al-Biqai’s Qur’an Commentary.” In *Adaptations and Innovations: Studies on the Interaction between Jewish and Islamic Thought and Literature from the Early Middle Ages to the Late Twentieth Century*, edited by Tzvi Langermann and Josef Stern, 331 – 347. Paris-Louvain: Peeters, 2007. **17**
- “Hermeneutics: al-Tha`labi.” In *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur’an*, edited by Andrew Rippin, 323 – 337. Oxford: Blackwell, 2006. **15**
- “ ‘What if you refuse, when ordered to fight?’ King Saul (Talut) in the Qur’an and Post-Quranic Literature.” In *Saul in Story and Tradition*, edited by Carl S. Ehrlich, 261 – 283. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006. **23**
- “The Woman as a Locus of Apocalyptic Anxiety in Medieval Sunni Islam.” In *Myth, Historical Archetypes and Symbolic Figures in Arabic Literature*, edited by Angelika Neuwirth and Maher Jarrar, 121 – 142. Beirut: Deutschen Morgenlaendischen Gesellschaft, 1996. **22**
- B. Encyclopedia Entries** **# of pages**
- “al-Bayḍāwī.” In *Encyclopaedia of Islam, THREE*, edited by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett Rowson (forthcoming). **4**
- “al-Biqā’ī.” In *Encyclopaedia of Islam, THREE*, edited by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett Rowson. 2012. **4**
- “Nishapuri School of Tafsir.” In *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, edited by Ihsan Yarashtar. 2012. <http://www.iranicaonline.org/articles/exegesis-viii-nishapuri-school-quranic-exegesis>. **7**
- “Scriptural Exegesis, Islamic.” In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Josef W. Meri, 706 – 708. London: Routledge, 2006. **3**
- “Ghaznavid.” In *The Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, edited by Richard Martin, 661 – 662. New York: Macmillan References, 2004. **2**
- C. Book Reviews** **# of pages**
- Review of *Narratives of Tampering in the Earliest Commentaries on the Qur’an*, by Gorden Nickel. *Al-Masaq: Journal of Medieval Mediterranean*, vol. 28, no.1 (2016): 101 – 104. **4**
- Review of *Against Smoking: An Ottoman Manifesto (Aḥmad al-Rumi al-Aḡḡiṣārī (d.1041/1631))*, by Yahya Michot. *The Muslim World Book Review*, vol.32, no.2 (2012): 23 – 25. **3**
- Review of *Qur’ānic Hermeneutics: Al-Ṭabarsī and the Craft of Commentary*, by Bruce Fudge. *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*, vol.14, no.1. (2012): 155 – 159. **5**
- Review of *Schools of Qur’anic Exegesis: Genesis and Development*, by Hussein Abdul-Raof. *Journal of Islamic Studies*, vol.23, no.1 (2012): 85 – 87. **3**

- Review of *The Garden and the Fire: Heaven and Hell in Islamic Culture*, by Nerina Rustomji. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol.79, no.1 (2011): 273 – 275. 3
- Review of *The Qur'an: Modern Muslim Interpretations*, by Massimo Campanini. Translated by Caroline Higgitt. *Ilahiyat Studies*, vol.2, no.1. (2011): 122 – 125. 4
- Review of *An Anthology of Qur'anic Commentaries, Volume I: On the Nature of the Divine*, by Feras Hamza, Sajjad Rizvi, and Farhana Mayer. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, vol.73, no.1 (2010): 110 – 112. 3
- Review of *Interpreting al-Tha'labī's Tales of the Prophets: Temptation, Responsibility and Loss*, by M. O. Klar. *Journal of Qur'anic Studies*, vol.12, no.1-2 (2010): 203 – 208. 6
- Review of *Sufi Commentaries on the Qur'ān in Classical Islam*, by Kristin Zahra Sand. *Journal of Semitic Studies*, vol.53, no.2 (2008): 370 – 372. 3
- Review of *Charity, Endowments, and Charitable Institutions in Medieval Islam*, by Yaacov Lev. *Studies in Religion*, vol.36, no.3-4 (2007): 622 – 623. 2
- Review of *Sufi and Saints' Bodies: Mysticism, Corporeality, and Sacred Power in Islam*, by Scott Kugle. *The Muslim World Book Review* vol.28 (2007): 39 – 40. 2
- Review of *Textual Relations in the Qur'ān: Relevance, Coherence and Structure*, by Salwa M. S. El-Awa. *Islamic Studies*, vol.46, no.2 (2007): 285 – 287. 3
- Review of *The Idea of Idolatry and the Emergence of Islam: From Polemic to History*, by G. R. Hawting. *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences*. 2005. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=10211> 4
- Review of, *Die Schia und die Koranfaelschung*, by Rainer Brunner. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* vol.38 (2004): 222 – 224. 3
- Review of *Nassir Khusraw: The Ruby of Badakhshan: A Portrait of the Persian Poet, Traveller and Philosopher*, by Alice C. Hunsberger. *Islamic Studies* vol.41, no.2 (2002): 374 – 375. 2

9. MANUSCRIPTS / PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION AND SUBMITTED TO PUBLISHERS BUT NOT YET ACCEPTED: Not applicable.

10. PAPERS PRESENTED AT MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA.

- 22/05/16 “The Political in Modern Ibadi Tafsir.” Religion and Policy in Oman. International Conference St. Antony's College, Oxford.
- 09/04/16 “Surat al-Zukhruf: A New Reading.” The Future of Scholarship of the Qur'an. College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, USA.
- 01/02/16 “What is Islam?” A Roundtable Discussion of Shahab Ahmed's New Book. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Islamic Studies Program.
- 14/01/16 “The Gloss and Islamic Intellectual History.” Institut dominicain d'études Orientales, Cairo. Egypt.

- 15/10/15 “On a Mamluk Treatise on al-Khiḍr: Ibn Imam al-Kāmiliyah and India Office 1529.” Islamic Stories of the Prophets. University of Napoli.
- 06/03/15 “Hajji Khalifa and the History of the Gloss.” Conference in Islamic Research Center in Istanbul (ISAM) on Kashf al-Ẓunūn and Arabic Bibliography.
- 10/12/14 “Hirschfeld and the Qur’an.” Wissenschaft des Judentums and Islam. Katz Center, University of Pennsylvania.
- 01/10/14 “Fetwas on the Bible in Mamluk Cairo.” Anna Marie Schimmel Kolleg, Bonn, Germany.
- 31/03/14 “Goitein on the Jews and Arabs.” Goitein in Perspective: An International Symposium. Tauber Institute, Brandies University.
- 21/02/14 “Chapter 43 of the Qur’an as an Anti-Gospel Narrative.” Exegetical Crossroads. Erlangen, Germany.
- 07/11/13 “Dualism, Logic and the Theology of Q. 21:22.” SOAS Conference on the Qur’an.
- 20/02/13 “Wit. 1173 and Islamic Mirabilia literature.” Conference of Manuscripts. Stadtbibliothek Berlin.
- 09/11/12 “Inheriting the Earth.” Qur’anic Studies Today: A Workshop. The University of Chicago Divinity School, organized by Angelika Neuwirth.
- 12/10/12 “Two Documents on al-Kashshaf of al-Zamakhshari: The Gloss as Intellectual History.” The Hashiyah and Islamic Intellectual History. A conference organized by Asad Ahmed and Walid Saleh. University of California, Berkeley.
- 19/11/11 “Molla Khusro and the Art of Hashiya.” Molla Khosro Conference. Bursa, Turkey.
- 11/11/11 “Al-Maturidi (d. 333/944) and the History of Early Tafsir.” Seventh Biennial Conference on the Qur’an, SOAS. United Kingdom.
- 16/10/11 “al-Biqā’ī seen through Rouchlin.” Late Medieval Exegesis: An Interfaith Discourse. Organized by Ryan Szpiech. University of Michigan Ann Arbor.
- 09/11/10 “Tafsir Studies: A Report on the Field.” American Academy of Religion Meeting in Montreal. Panel for meeting organized by Walid Saleh.
- 02/03/10 “Bible in Islam.” Jewish Studies Centre, UCLA.
- 26/05/09 “Heaven and Arabic Religious Literature.” Roads to Paradise. Goettingun University.
- 12/04/09 “The Akedah in the Qur’an.” Conference on the Akedah in Augustana College, Sioux Falls.
- 11/12/08 “The Gospel Quotations in Tafsir.” The Arabic Bible Conference. German Oriental Institute, Beirut.
- 05/01/07 “An Islamic Diatessaron.” American Historical Association, Atlanta.
- 24/10/06 “Hell in Mirabilia Literature of Medieval Islam.” Hell and Its Afterlife. University of Utah.

- 17/03/06 “Quoting the Bible in *Tafsir*: A Late Mamluk Controversy.” American Oriental Society Annual Meeting. Seattle.
- 19/12/05 “Tafsir as a Medium of Prophetic Imagination.” Jewish Studies Association, Washington, DC.
- 11/11/05 “Furqan and Qur’an: Salvation in the Qur’an.” Conference on the Qur’an. Center for Islamic Studies, SOAS London.
- 15/10/05 “The Hermeneutical Theory of al-Biqai.” Qur’anic Tafsir: A Conference Exploring the History and Practice of Quranic Exegesis. Princeton University.
- 08/04/05 “Ibn Taymiyah and the Rise of Radical Hermeneutics.” Ibn Taymiyah and his Times. Princeton University.
- 09/04/04 “Tafsir: An Assessment of the Field.” Princeton Conference on Teaching Islam.
- 17/03/04 “The Agonies of Grammar.” American Oriental Society, San Diego.
- 23/03/02 “Al-Tha`labi and the rise of Classical Qur’an Commentary.” American Oriental Society, Houston.
- 11/18/00 “The Transformation of Medieval Qur’an Commentary.” American Academy of Religion, Denver.
- 02/09/98 “The First Muslim Millennium.” Greco-Roman Society, Yale University.
- 27/06/96 “The Female as a Locus of Apocalyptic Anxiety in Medieval Sunni Islam.” Orient-Institut der DMG Beirut. Symposium: Myth, Historical Archetypes and Symbolic Figures in Arabic Literature. June 25 – 30, 1996.
- 29/01/96 “A Qur’an That Kills: A Medieval Arabic Manuscript.” Greco-Roman Society, Yale University.
- 14/07/95 “Alienation and Space in Modern Arabic Literature.” Yale Center for International and Area Studies, The Global Impact of Migration Seminar.
- 21/04/95 “Furqan (Salvation?) and the Islamic Tradition.” 10th Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference. University of Chicago.
- 24/01/94 “A Classical Motif in the Qur’an.” Greco-Roman Society, Yale University.

11. INVITED LECTURES

- 07/01/11 “The Study of Tafsir.” Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University.
- 05/03/09 “Qur’anic Studies in Academia.” Frei University, Berlin.
- 27/01/09 “The Printing of Qur’an Commentaries: A New Approach to the History of Modern Qur’an Exegesis in the Middle East.” Centre for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA.
- 18/04/08 “The Qur’an: Its Function and Place in Islamic Religious Tradition,” Smith College.

- 11/03/07 “A Manuscript and Ignaz Goldziher.” Central European University, Budapest.
- 22/01/07 “Royalties on Interpretation: A New Reading of Modern Islamic Religious Thought.” Indiana University.
- 25/06/06 “The Qur’an and History.” Ismaili Centre. Lisbon, Portugal.
- 20/10/05 “Life After Death: A Key Theme in the Qur’an.” Seventh Annual Edith Bruce Lecture, University of Toronto.
- 21/09/04 “Tafsir and the Meaning of the Qur’an.” Noor Cultural Center, Toronto.
- 10/07/04 “The Passing of the Tenth Century of the Muslim Calendar.” Library of Congress, Kluge Center.
- 13/03/03 “Quranic Justice and the Human Condition.” Ebbutt Lecture, Mount Alison University.
- 08/02/02 “The Transformation of Medieval Qur’an Commentary.” University of Toronto.
- 01/02/02 “Quranic Concepts of Justice and Ecology.” Saint Michael’s College, Vermont.
- 28/01/02 “The Origins of the Classical Qur’an Commentary Tradition.” University of Oregon.
- 08/03/01 “The End of the World as a Theological Problem in Islam.” Arabic School, Middlebury College. (Lecture in Arabic.)
- 05/16/00 “Quranic Studies: An Assessment.” Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University.
- 01/06/99 “Iconography and Apocalyptic Literature of the Tenth Muslim Century.” Middlebury College.

IV. LIST OF COURSES

12. A. UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT (in preceding 5 years)

Course Code	Course Title	Term
NMC495Y	Directed Readings	Full Year 2015 – 2016
RLG350H	The Life of Muhammad	Fall 2015
RLG351H	The Qur’an: An Introduction	Fall 2014
RLG350H	The Life of Muhammad	Fall 2013
RLG491H	Directed Readings	Fall 2013
RLG491H	Directed Readings	Winter 2013
NMC496H	Directed Readings	Winter 2013
RLG100Y	World Religions	Full Year 2012 – 2013
RLG280Y	World Religions [Concurrent with RLG100Y]	Full Year 2012 – 2013
RLG491H	Directed Readings	Fall 2012
RLG350H	The Life of Muhammad	Fall 2011
RLG491H	Directed Readings	Fall 2011

B. GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT (in preceding 5 years)

Course Code	Course Title	Term
NMC2000H	Directed Readings	Winter 2016
NMC2001H	Directed Readings	Fall 2015
NMC2052H	Islamic Religious Thought	Fall 2015
NMC2056H	Readings in Qur'an and Tafsir	Fall 2015
NMC2055H	The Qur'an and its Interpretation	Fall 2014
NMC2000H	Directed Readings	Winter 2014
NMC2056H	Readings in Qur'an and Tafsir	Fall 2013
RLG3505H	Topics in Islamic Studies	Winter 2013
JLN5107H	Homeland in Modern Arabic Literature	Fall 2012
NMC2056H	Readings in Qur'an and Tafsir	Fall 2012
RLG3505H	Topics in Islamic Literature	Winter 2012
NMC2056H	Readings in Qur'an and Tafsir	Fall 2011

C. THESES SUPERVISED.

Doctoral Students

Student Name	Thesis Title	Date / Duration	Capacity
Dennis Haft	Shi'ite anti-Christian Polemics in Early Modern Iran	Jan. 2016 – now	Primary Supervisor
Julie Lowe	Rape and Islamic Law	Sept. 2015 – now	Committee Member
Ramzi Taleb	North African Intellectual History	2014 – now	Primary Supervisor
Mourad Laabdi	Averroes and his Hermeneutical Theory	2009 – now	Primary Supervisor
Halil Simsek	Ottoman Tafsir	2008 – now	Primary Supervisor
Mohammadreza Ardehali	Early Persian Tafsir Tradition	2006 – now	Primary Supervisor
Shabir Ally	The Culmination of Tradition Based Tafsir: The Quran Exegesis al-Durr al-Manthur	2005 – 2012	Primary Supervisor
Atif Khalil	Early Sufi Approaches to <i>Tawba</i> : From the Qur'an to Abū Tālib al-Makkī	April 2009 (date of completion)	Committee Member
Aisha Geissinger	Gendering the Classical Tradition of Quran Exegesis: Literary Representations and Textual Authority in Medieval Islam	April 2008 (date of completion)	Committee Member

Masters Students

Student Name	Thesis Title	Date / Duration	Capacity
Sami Helewa	Piety in the Narrative of al-Qisas al-Anbiya: A Case Study of Maryam	April 2008 (date of completion)	Primary Supervisor

V. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

13. A. **Positions held and service on committees and organizations within the University:**

2015 – 2016	Chair Search for Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations.
2015 – 2016	<i>Ad hoc</i> committee on undergraduate curriculum. Department and Centre for the Study of Religion.
2015 – 2016	Modern Islam Search. Department of Religion and Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations.
2014 – 2016	Committee on Standing, Faculty of Arts and Science.
2013 – now	Director, Institute of Islamic Studies.
2013 – 2014	Graduate Committee. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations.
2012 – 2015	University College Senate Council.
2012 – 2014	Sexual Diversity Program Steering Committee.
2012 – 2013	Graduate Committee. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations.
2012 – 2013	Undergraduate Committee. Department and Centre for the Study of Religion.
2011 – 2012	Classical Arabic Professor Search Committee.
2009 – 2011	Director of Undergraduate Studies. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations.
2007 – 2008	University College representative to the Arts and Science Council.
2007 – 2008	Director of Undergraduate Studies of the Sexual Diversity Studies Program. University College.
2007	Chair Search Committee (member). Department and Centre for the Study of Religion.
2006 – 2007	Sexual Diversity Program Steering Committee.
2006 – 2007	University College Appointment Committee.
2006	Sexual Diversity Program Director Search Committee.

2005 – 2007	University College Senate Council.
2005 – 2006	Islam Search Position at UTM.
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2005	Arabic Instructor Search Committee.
2004 – 2007	Curriculum Committee. Department and Centre for the Study of Religion.
2003 – 2007	Graduate Committee. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations.
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2007	Instructor for Summer Academy “Literary and Historical Approaches to the Qur’an and the Bible” organized by the Wissenschaftskolleg, 2 – 12 September. Istanbul.
2007	University of London, School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS) Quran Conference organizing Committee member.
2005	Program Committee for the Middle East Studies Association 40 th Annual Conference meeting.
2003	Reader for the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) Summer Fellowship proposals.

VI. OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

- American Academy of Religion (member)
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