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## **EDUCATION**

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	2005
PhD, Department of Near Eastern Studies. Dissertation: <i>Shifting Fortunes: Women and Ḥadīth Transmission in Islamic History</i> .	
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY	1994
MA, History. Concentration in Middle Eastern History.	
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	1991
BA, Politics. Certificate in Program of Near Eastern Studies.	

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES	2012-present	
Director-Islamic Studies Program (July 2015-present) Associate Professor, NELC (2014-present). Assistant Professor, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.		2012-2014
Courses In Islamic Studies.		
LAFAYETTE COLLEGE	2006-2012	
Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies. Courses in Islamic Studies, World Religions, and Women's Studies.		

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- “Women and the Ḥajj” chapter in *The Hajj: Pilgrimage in Islam*, ed. Eric Tagliacozzo and Shawkat Toorawa. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016, 65-84.
- Women and the Transmission of Religious Knowledge in Islam*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- Co-editor with Michael Cook, et al, *Law and Tradition in Classical Islam*. New York: Palgrave, 2013.
- “Women in Imāmī Biographical Collections,” chapter in *Law and Tradition in Classical Islamic Thought*, ed. Michael Cook, Najam Haider, Intisar Rabb and Asma Sayeed. New York: Palgrave, 2013, 81-97.
- “Ḥadīth: Transmission, Study, and Interpretation,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women* (Oxford University Press, 2013): 403-405.
- “al-Dimyāfī, ‘Abd al-Mu’min b. Khalaf” *Encyclopedia of Islam* 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (2013): 8-9.
- “Muslim Women’s Religious Education in Early and Classical Islam,” *Religion Compass*, 5.3 (2011): 94-103.
- “Gender and Legal Authority: An Examination of Early Juristic Opposition to Women’s Ḥadīth Transmission,” *Islamic Law and Society*, 16:2 (2009): 115-50.
- Review of *Chosen Among Women: Mary and Fatima in Medieval Christianity and Shi‘ite Islam*, *Speculum*, 84 (2009): 1115-17.

- “Mary,” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, Oxford, 2008.
- “Umm Habibah (Ramlah bint Abi Sufyan),” in *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, Oxford, 2008.
- “Zaynab bint ‘Ali,” in *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, Oxford, 2008.
- “Battle of the Camel,” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, Oxford, 2008.
- “Space: Mosques (Arab States [Excepting the Gulf and North Africa]),” in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, E.J. Brill, 2007, 4:549-50.
- “Education: Women’s Religious (Arab States [Excepting the Gulf and North Africa]),” in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, E.J. Brill, 2007, 4:345-46.
- “Women and *Ḥadīth* Transmission: Two Case Studies from Mamluk Damascus.” *Studia Islamica*, 95 (2002): 71-94.
- “Early Sunnī Discourse on Women’s Mosque Attendance,” *International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) Newsletter* 7 (2001): 10.
- “Hostages,” co-authored with Khaled Abou el-Fadl in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, Oxford, 1995.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

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- “Women and Religious Learning in Islamic History,” Invited lecture for conference on “Women’s Religious Leadership in Islam: Between Text and Context” by the Rabita Muhammadiyah li’l Ulama in Rabat, Morocco, (2015).
- “Transmission vs. Authorship: Women’s Intellectual Engagement in Classical Islam,” Invited lecture for conference on “Women Leaders and Intellectuals of the Medieval World,” Notre Dame University, (2015)
- “Early Islamic Social History through Women’s Tradition Literature” Invited guest lecture at Claremont Graduate University, (2015).
- “Islamic Studies in the American Academy: Methodologies and Challenges,” Invited lecture for conference on “Research Methods in Islamic Sciences and Contemporary Realities,” Dar al-Ḥadīth al-Hassania Institute, Rabat, Morocco, (2014).
- “Mapping Muslim Women’s Education: Historical Framing for a Digital Humanities Project,” Invited presenter for Columbia University’s Center for Social Difference workshop on the “Power of Women’s Islamic Education,” (2013)
- “*Muḥaddithas, Faqīhas* and *Mufassiras*: Evolutions in the Domains of Women’s Religious Authority Across Islamic History,” Keynote Paper delivered at UCSB conference on “Reconstituting Female Authority: Women’s Participation in the Transmission and Production of Islamic Knowledge,” (2013).
- “Whither Sukyana and Nafisa? An Examination of Shī‘ī Women’s *Ḥadīth* Participation,” American Academy of Religion Conference (2010).
- “Gender and the *Ḥadīth* Canon in Classical Islam,” Invited Paper for Smith College Conference on “The Shaping of Many Islams” (2008).
- “*Ḥadīth* and the Construction of Gender Roles in Early Islamic History,” American Academy of Religion Conference (2007).
- “Interpreting the Silences: Women’s Religious Education in *Ta’rīkh Baghdād*,” Middle East Studies Association Conference (2006).

- “Feminist Scholarship in Islamic Studies,” Dartmouth Summer Institute on Gender Studies in Islamic and Judaic Studies (2005).
- “*Jāzāt* and *Samā‘āt*: Archival Sources for Education in Medieval Islam,” Princeton University conference on “Education in the Middle Ages” (2003).
- “Contextualizing Islam in the United States: Scholar-Activism and Islamic Jurisprudence,” Columbia University Conference on “Muslims in New York City” (2002).
- “Early Sunni Debates on Women’s Presence in Mosques,” Middle East Studies Association conference (2000).
- “The Education of a *Muḥaddithah*: The Career of Shuhdah al-Kātibah,” Middle East Studies Association conference (1998).

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- Mellon Foundation Course Development grant for course on Religion and Environment, awarded through Lafayette College (Fall 2011).
- Lafayette College Information Literacy Grant for course development of “Islam in the West” course (Spring 2011).
- Fulbright Fellowship for archival research in Damascus, Syria (2009-2010).
- Princeton University Center for Study of Religion Teaching Internship (2004-2005).
- Princeton University Graduate Fellowship (1994-1998).
- Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) fellowship for study in Egypt (1995-1996).

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- American Academy of Religion (Islam AAR section)-member
- Middle Eastern Studies Association-member
- American Historical Association-member
- Middle East Medievalists-member

## **LANGUAGES**

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- Arabic (reading fluency, advanced proficiency in writing and speaking).
- French (reading proficiency).
- Urdu (reading and speaking proficiency, basic writing proficiency).
- Persian (basic reading proficiency).