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ACADEMIC INTERESTS:

Muslim religious authorities in medieval and modern India, European colonialism and transformations in Islamic religious thought, Muslim scholarly networks between South Asia and the Middle East, Islamic historiography, Institutions of Muslim religious education in South Asia

EDUCATION

University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
M.A., Ph.D. Islamic Studies **2014-Present**

Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow, India
Traditional Alim Course **2014**
Description: A five year traditional Islamic Studies course covering Arabic, scriptural exegesis, Islamic law, and theology.

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
B.A. Political Science, General Honors **2008**
Dean's List, 2004 – 2008

Claremont High School, Claremont, CA
Diploma **2004**

PAPERS

“Religion, *Din*, and Islam in Modern South Asia,” presented at the International Institute Graduate Student Conference at UCLA, April 17, 2015.

“The Social Life of a Sufi Hagiography: Sayyid Abul Ḥasan ‘Alī Nadwī’s Use of Sayyid Aḥmad Shahīd,” presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Atlanta, November 22, 2015.

EXPERIENCE

University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Islam **Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2015**

- Organized and directed weekly discussions about class lectures and readings with two sections of twenty students each.
- Graded exams and papers
- Assisted professor in creating exams

University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Graduate Student Researcher **July 2015 – Dec. 2015**

- Assisted in a digital humanities project called “Mapping Muslim Education.”
- Prepared bibliographies and short articles about the history of Muslim Education in Morocco and Pakistan for the project’s website

Columbia College, Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant, Arabic Culture and Language

Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2007

- Assisted professor with lessons
- Organized and led weekly one hour discussion and activities incorporating Arabic language instruction as well as history of the Middle East
- Helped grade assignments

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Summer Links Internship Program

Jun. 2006 – Sept. 2006

- Worked in the Public Policy Dept. of non-profit organization Interfaith Worker Justice on creating a comprehensive presentation on the U.S. economy to be used at town hall meetings.
- Wrote memos and collected information for supervisors who were directly involved with U.S. senators in advocating raising the minimum wage.
- Participated and led intense weekly discussions with other University of Chicago students and staff about public service, community building, and social change.

Muslim Students Association of the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Vice President

2007-2008

Social Activities Coordinator

2005-2007

- Planned and facilitated social and educational activities
- Organized students to approach administration regarding abusive and offensive material against Muslim students, resulting in an Administration-sponsored campus educational event.
- Won the college’s Outstanding Student Organization Award.

LANGUAGES

Arabic – read classical Arabic with high proficiency

Urdu – speak and read at an intermediate level

Hindi –speak at a basic level

Persian – read and speak at an elementary level

REFERENCES**Asma Sayeed**

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