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Education

- **Ph.D. - Theological and Religious Studies, Georgetown University (July 2018).**
- Dissertation Title: “Prohibited Speech and the Sacred: Critically Engaging Taqī al-Dīn al-Subkī’s (d.1355) *al-Sayf al-mashlūl ‘alā man sabba al-rasūl*.”
- Description: International controversy over free expression and Islamic law first surfaced powerfully in modern times after the publication of the British-Indian author Salman Rushdie’s 1988 book, *The Satanic Verses*. Since that time, several further incidents have raised challenging questions about controversial religious speech and the future of multicultural societies. My dissertation contributes to this conversation by exploring one of the most influential legal treatments of blasphemy furnished by the Sunnī tradition, Taqī al-Dīn al-Subkī’s (d.1355) *al-Sayf al-mashlūl ‘alā man sabba al-rasūl*. The dissertation responded to a significant lacuna in modern scholarship and points toward resources for intercultural understanding and peaceful coexistence.
- My graduate course work at Georgetown included courses on classical and modern Qur’ānic interpretation, Islamic law, Arabic, Islamist political movements, gender and the Islamic tradition, Christian theology, interreligious dialogue, religious pluralism, and religion in the Greco-Roman world.

Graduate Studies – The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC), 2006-2009. While at CUA, I completed graduate course work in Buddhism, Hinduism, Indian philosophy, philosophical hermeneutics, modern approaches to the study of religion, and ecumenical relations. Although I transitioned to Georgetown in 2011, my training at CUA was foundational, particularly for my understanding of Eastern religious traditions.

M.A.R. - Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19118), 2003.

B.A. - Hampden-Sydney College (Hampden-Sydney, Virginia 23943), 1999.

Employment History and Research Experience

- **Assistant Teaching Professor of Comparative Theology - Loyola University Maryland (2026-present).** At Loyola, I teach core departmental theology courses and electives that address questions of comparative theology, religious diversity, interreligious dialogue, and Christian-Muslim relations.
- **Executive Editor, *Dialogue Across Borders: Emerging Perspectives on Intercultural and Interreligious Relations* (Cairo, Egypt).** Since September 2022, I have served as the executive editor for a digital database devoted to intercultural and interreligious relations in Egypt and the Middle East. The database is presently under contract with De Gruyter Brill global publishers.
- **Academic Director, The Centre of Christian-Muslim Understanding and Partnership, Anglican/Episcopal Church in Egypt (Cairo, Egypt).** From September 2022 to August

2026, I served as the academic director for a new interfaith center based in Cairo. In this position, I served as the lead coordinator for multiple interfaith programs with senior Christian and Muslim stakeholders in Egypt and worked to further define the academic vision and offerings of the center.

- **Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University and American University (Washington, DC); George Mason University (Fairfax, VA).** Throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, I taught courses on the problem of evil, religious liberty, introduction to the Qur’ān, introduction to the Arab world, and introduction to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam at Georgetown University, American University, and George Mason University.
- **Assistant Teaching Professor in Islamic Studies, Department of Theological and Religious Studies (Georgetown University).** From August 2018 to May 2020, I served as an assistant teaching professor in Islamic Studies at Georgetown University, teaching core departmental courses as well as electives. My courses have explored topics in Islamic studies, philosophy, secularism, and evil and suffering in Islam and Christianity.
- **2015-2016 National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Fellow (Amman, Jordan):** During the 2015-2016 academic year, I was awarded a Boren Fellowship for Arabic and Islamic studies in Amman, Jordan. Funded by the U.S. Congress, Boren fellowships are awarded to candidates working in fields of study considered relevant to U.S. national security broadly defined.
- **The Religious Freedom Project, The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs (Georgetown University):** In the summer of 2014, I researched religious freedom in the Islamic tradition, a project which culminated in my serving as co-editor for the volume, *Islam and Religious Freedom: A Sourcebook of Scriptural, Theological, and Legal Texts* (The Berkley Center: Washington, DC, 2014).
- **The Al-Waleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (Georgetown University):** In fall 2013, I served as a research assistant for Professor Jonathan A.C. Brown, a leading scholar in Islamic studies and professor of Islamic Studies and Muslim-Christian Understanding.
- **The Study of Religion Across Civilizations (Rabat, Morocco):** During summer 2012, I joined a delegation from Georgetown University led by Professor Paul Heck for an interfaith program held in conjunction with Muhammad V University in Rabat, Morocco.
- **The Alexandria School of Theology (Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt):** From 2009-2011, I lectured in theology and world religions at the Alexandria School of Theology in Egypt, with branches in both Alexandria and Cairo.

Publications

- “Modern Reform Currents around Apostasy, Blasphemy, and Human Rights,” in Natana Delong-Bas and Emad Hamdeh, eds., *The Oxford Handbook on Islamic Reform* (Oxford University Press, 2026), 82-99.
- “Ethical Dimensions of Qādī ‘Iyād’s (d.544/1149) *al-Shifā’*,” in Mutaz al-Khatib, ed., *Key Classical Works on Islamic Ethics* (Leiden: Brill, 2024), 229-247.
- Review of Ayman S. Ibrahim, *Muhammad’s Military Expeditions: A Critical Reading in Original Islamic Sources* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024) in *Islamochristiana* 50 (2024), 345-346.
- Review of Safaruk Chowdhury, *Islamic Theology and the Problem of Evil* (American University in Cairo Press: New York, 2021) in *Islamochristiana* 49 (2023).

- Review of James K. Dew, Jr. and Ronnie Campbell, eds., *Natural Theology: Five Views* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2024) in *Science and Christian Belief* 38 (2026), 87-89.
- Associate Editor, *Islam and Religious Freedom: A Sourcebook of Scriptural, Theological, and Legal Texts* (The Berkley Center: Washington, DC, 2014).

Academic Presentations

- “The Experience of Christians in Egyptian Secondary Schools,” The African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies Annual Conference (May 17-20, 2026, Kigali – Rwanda)
- “Christian-Muslim Relations in the Egyptian Workplace,” The African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies Annual Conference (May 18-21, 2025, Ben Guerir – Morocco).
- “Faith and Human Suffering,” Centre for Christian-Muslim Understanding and Partnership (August 2, 2023 – Cairo, Egypt).
- “International Religious Freedom: Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities with Ambassador Rashad Hussain,” Georgetown University ([video recording](#)).
- “The Question of Christian Persecution in the Middle East,” Providence Magazine/Institute on Religion and Democracy (October 29, 2021 – Washington, DC).
- “The Reception of the Kitāb al-Shifā’ within Mamlūk Blasphemy Literature,” Of Prophets and Saints: Literary Traditions and ‘convivencia’ in Medieval and Early Modern Iberia (February 23, 2018 - Madrid, Spain).
- “Between Scripture and Tradition: Q 33:57-61 and the Development of Classical Islamic Blasphemy Law,” International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Conference (November 18, 2017 - Boston, MA).
- “The Complexities of Medieval Blasphemy Jurisprudence,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa 2017 Annual Conference (October 20, 2017 - Washington, DC).
- Seminar Presenter: “Transforming Religion within Multiple Modernities: New Explorations from the Buddhist and Islamic Traditions,” Berkley Center, Georgetown University (April 27, 2017 - Washington, DC).
- “Blasphemy in the Islamic Tradition: Classical Conceptions, Modern Controversies,” Institute for Contesting Religious Violence Fall 2016 Colloquium (December 2, 2016 – Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY).
- “Panel Presentation: Blasphemy Laws as a Challenge to Religious Freedom,” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs (April 20, 2016 – Washington, DC).