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### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

#### ACADEMIC

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, Department of Modern and Classical Languages

- Associate Professor & Program Director, Middle Eastern Studies, 2016 – Present
- Assistant Professor & Program Director, Arab Studies, 2011 – 2016
- Summer Faculty, Bauer College of Business, 2016 – Present
- Fellow, Honors College, 2015 – Present

#### PROFESSIONAL

IQSAWEB.ORG

- Founding Executive Director & Treasurer, 2014 – Present
- Co-Director, 2012 – 2014

### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** *With Honors*, 2011, **M.A.** 2007, University of Chicago, Middle Eastern and Islamic History  
**M.A.** 2005, Temple University, Religion (coursework, University of Pennsylvania)  
**B.A.** 2002, Rutgers University, Computer Science (Second Major: Religion)

### AWARDS

#### GRANTS & FUND RAISING

1. Provost Faculty Travel Fund Grant, for conference presentation at the International Qur'anic Studies Association, Beït El-Hikma: Académie Tunisienne des Sciences, des Lettres et des Arts, Tunisia, July 4-7, 2017 (\$1,200)
2. Small Grants Program, book subvention, University of Houston, February 2017 (\$5,000)
3. Research Progress Grant, for research in Istanbul, Cairo & Deoband, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston, 2016 (\$3,500)
4. The Windsor Foundation for the International Qur'anic Studies Association, 2016-2018 (\$30,000)
5. Middle Eastern Studies program (scholarships, events, research, pedagogy), Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, September 2015 (\$60,000)
6. Communities of the Qur'an Conference, The Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance and the World Affairs Council of Greater Houston, 2015 (\$30,000)
7. Provost Faculty Travel Fund Grant, for conference presentation at the International Qur'anic Studies Association, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Indonesia, August 4-7, 2015 (\$1,200)
8. Steering committee member, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts, "Building Bridges" grant, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation/Foundation for Islamic Art, 2014-16 (\$240,000)
9. Assisted in campaign for a Chair of Modern Arab History, Arab American Educational Foundation, 2011-2012 (\$1,000,000)
10. Partner, Society of Biblical Literature, "Consultation" grant for International Qur'anic Studies Association, Henry Luce Foundation, 2012-15 (\$140,000)
11. Provost Faculty Travel Fund Grant, for conference presentation at the Annual Osher International Theology Conference, Jerusalem, January 2014 (\$1,000)
12. New Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston, 2013 (\$6,000)

13. Division of the Humanities Travel Grant, University of Chicago 2010 for research in Damascus and Cairo, September 2010 (\$1,500)

#### FELLOWSHIPS

14. Society of Fellows, Honors College, University of Houston, 2015 – Present
15. ACLS Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2010-2011 (\$15,000)
16. Provost Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago 2009 for research on the at the Corpus Coranicum, Berlin and Potsdam, Germany, June 2009 (\$3,000)
17. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 (\$30,000)
18. University of Chicago Merit Fellowships, 2006-2010 (tuition)

#### AWARDS

1. Certificate of Appreciation, US Customs and Border Protection, Houston, TX, April 19, 2016
2. Energy Fellows Award, Hobby Center for Public Policy, University of Houston, 2016 (\$500)
3. Recognition, Energy Symposium Series, UH Energy, Houston, TX, February 15, 2016
4. Certificate of Appreciation, US Customs and Border Protection, Houston, TX, April 7, 2015
5. NEH Summer Stipends Award, 2014 (\$6,000)
6. Honorable Acclaim, British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize 2014, for *The Qur'an and the Aramaic Gospel Traditions*
7. Provost Certificate of Excellence, for “extraordinary achievements,” University of Houston, October 22, 2014
8. Supervisor Award, Rutgers University Computing Services, 2003

#### **RESEARCH AREAS**

My research centers on civilization in the Middle East & North Africa, including: modernity in the Arab/Islamic context, the impact of oil/gas on society, and Christian-Muslim relations in classical and modern times

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

##### BOOKS

1. *Communities of the Qur'an: Dialogue, Debate and Diversity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Introduced and edited with Paula Sanders. London: OneWorld (forthcoming, 2018).
2. *A History of the Classical Middle East*, Co-authored. San Diego: Cognella Academic Publishing, (forthcoming, 2018).
3. *The Qur'an and the Aramaic Gospel Traditions*. New York; London: Routledge Press, 2013; repr. 2016.
  - a. (NOMINATED for British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize 2014)
  - b. Reviews:
    - i. “*Qur'an va sunan-e injil-e arami*” *Markaz va kitabhaneh-e-mutala'at-e-eslami beh zabanhay-e-oroba'i*, 2015 (Majid Daneshgar)
    - ii. *Ilahiyat Studies* 5.1 (2014): 115-21 (Sidney Griffith)
    - iii. “*Qur'an va rivayat-e injil-e arami*,” *Golestan-e Iran* 1 (1393/2014): (Majid Daneshgar)
    - iv. *Middle East Media and Book Reviews Online* 2.6 (2014): (Rebecca R. Williams)

##### JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. “Between Qur'an and Church Canon: Near Eastern law and politics in the long seventh century, ca. 570-705 CE” (in progress)
2. *Masa'il al-kana'is al-suryaniyyah wa ijabat al-risalah al-qur'aniyyah* (Arabic; in progress)
3. *Al-huriyyah al-fikeriyyah wa al-dirasat al-qur'aniyyah*, *Oasis: Christians and Muslims in the Global World* 24, (forthcoming December 2017).

4. "Communities of interpretation: The case of the Qur'an," *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 33.4 (2016): 145-53.
5. "Religious violence in the Middle East: Military intervention, Salafi-Jihadism and the dream of a Caliphate" *Journal of Cultural and Religious Studies* 4.6 (2016): 396-409.
6. "When Jews and Christians believed in the Qur'an," *Conflict and Convergence in Late Antiquity: Judaism and Christianity at the Origins of Islam*, Ed. Michael Peggill, *Mizan Journal* (2015): 1-7.
7. "Al-babth 'an al-siyaq al-qur'ani – nabdhah 'an al-dirasat al-qur'aniyyah al-hadithah" (Arabic) *Al-Machreq Online* 5.1 (2014): 1-7.
8. "The impact of Aramaic (especially Syriac) on the Qur'ān" *Religion Compass* 8.7 (2014): 220-28.
9. "From 'clergy' to 'celibacy': The development of *rabbaniyyah* between Qur'an, Hadith and Church Canon" *Al-Bayan: Journal of Qur'an and Hadith Studies* 11.1 (2013): 1-14.
10. "A humanistic reception of the Qur'an," *English Language Notes* 50.2, *Scriptural Margins: On the Boundaries of Sacred Texts* (2012): 99-112.
11. "Divine kingdom in Syriac Matthew and the Qur'an" *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 61.1-2 (2009): 1-42.
12. "Tales of king Abgar: A basis to investigate earliest Syrian Christian syncretism" *Journal of Assyrian Academic Studies* 20.2 (2006): 25-44.

#### BOOK ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

13. "Readings of the Qur'an from outside the tradition," *Routledge Companion to the Qur'an*, Eds. Daniel Madigan and Maria Dakake. London; New York: Routledge, 2018 (forthcoming 2018)
14. "From clerical to scriptural authority: The Qur'an's dialogue with the Syriac New Testament," *New Trends in Qur'anic Studies: Text, Context and Interpretation*. Ed. Mun'im Sirry. Atlanta: Lockwood Press (forthcoming 2018)
15. "Glaubensbekenntnisse," *Koran erklärt*. Ed. Willi Steul. Berlin: Suhrkamp Verlag, 2017.
16. "Conflict and Reconciliation: 'Arab liberalism' in Syria and Egypt," *Egypt and the Contradictions of Liberalism Illiberal Intelligentsia and the Future of Egyptian Democracy*. Eds. Dalia Fahmy and Daanish Faruqi. London: OneWorld, 2017.
17. Sixteen commentaries (Q 2:255-256; 3:33-63; 4:1-28; 5:105-20; 36:13-27; 37:6-11; 37:149-82; 43:81-83; 44:43-57; 46:7-12; 48; 53; 55; 75; 90; 97), *The Qur'an Seminar Commentary / Le Qur'an Seminar: A Collaborative Study of 50 Qur'anic Passages / Commentaire collaboratif de 50 passages coraniques*. Eds. Mehdi Azaiez et al. Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter, 2016.
18. "Remembering Zakaria," *The Qur'an in Conversation*. Ed. Michael Birkel. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2014, pp. 40-48.
19. "Condemnation in the Qur'an and the Syriac Gospel of Matthew" *New Perspectives on the Qur'an: The Qur'an in Its Historical Context* 2. Ed. G.S. Reynolds. London; New York: Routledge, 2011, pp. 449-466.

#### REFERENCE ARTICLES

20. "Syriac and the Qur'an," *The Encyclopedia of the Qur'an*. Ed. Jane McAuliffe. E.J. Brill (forthcoming 2017-2018)
21. "Jerusalem and Antioch in the Qur'an," *Bible Odyssey* (2014).
22. "Tariq al-Suweidan," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*. Ed. Natana DeLong-Bas et. al. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. (winner of 2013 PROSE Award)
23. "Islamic Humanism," *Muhammad in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Prophet of God*. 2 vols. Ed. C. Fitzpatrick and A. Walker, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2013. (winner of US 2015 RUSA Award for "Outstanding Reference Sources")

#### EDITORIALS

24. Editorial in progress, *Forbes*, 2017.
25. "Trump presidency elicits violence and hate toward Muslims," *The Daily Cougar*, August 16, 2017.
26. "Letter 29," *American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters*, February 17, 2017

27. "When the largest oil exporter quits the game," *Forbes*, October 10, 2016.
28. "Trump creates an election of the extremes," *The Daily Congar*, August 17, 2016.
29. "Muslims should welcome a new, modern perspective on prophet's sayings," *Christian Science Monitor*, August 7, 2013.
30. with Gabriel Reynolds, "The Qur'an and the Syriac Bible," *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* and *Oxford Biblical Studies Online*, Focus On Essay, June 2013.
31. with Gabriel Reynolds, "Anti-Muslim video – one more reason for independent scholarship on the Quran," *Christian Science Monitor*, October 8, 2012. (response by John Weiglhofer, "Quran must be better understood," November 12)
32. "Arab Studies in the American Academy," *Alumni Ties at Rutgers Preparatory School* 5.1, July 2012.
33. with Anthony Banout, "From Tahrir to Maspero: Religious Tensions in Egypt Before and After the Revolution," *Sightings - Magazine of the Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago Divinity School*, November 3, 2011.
34. Dozens of blog posts in Arabic and English <http://iqsaweb.com>; <http://iqlid.wordpress.com>

#### REVIEW ARTICLES

35. "Andrew Rippin (1950-2016) – In Memoriam," *Review of Middle Eastern Studies* 51.1 (2017): 1-3.
36. "The ancient origin of qur'anic laws," Review of Holger Zellentin, *The Qur'an's Legal Culture: The Didascalia Apostolorum as a Point of Departure* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013), in *The Marginalia Review of Books*, June 25, 2015.

#### TRANSLATIONS

37. Faleh Husayn, "The Participation of Non-Arab Elements in the Umayyad Army and Administration" (*Musharakat al-'anasir ghayr al-'arabiyyah fi al-jaysh wa al-idarah al-umawiyyah*), *Articulation of Islamic State Structures*. Ed. Fred Donner. London: Ashgate Variorum, 2012. (Arabic to English)
38. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. *Valley of the Kings/Wadi Al-Muluk* [DVD, Arabic Translation] 2006. (Arabic to English)
39. Transcription, translation and annotation of several MSS from the Arthur Vööbus Syriac manuscript collection, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 2006-2007. (Syriac to English)

#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

#### TELEVISION, VIDEO & RADIO

1. Edel Howlin, "Diversecity," *Houston Public Media*, April 21 2017.
2. Said Fattouh, Hosted on *Arab Voices / KPFT Radio*, November 23, 2016.
3. Thorsten G. Schneiders, "Das Glaubensbekenntnis des Gesandten," *Deutschlandfunk*, August 18, 2016.
4. Tom Zizka and Rita Garcia, "Professor analyzes Orlando mass shooting," *Fox 26*, June 13, 2016
5. George Willy, "The Other Side with Dr. Amr Hamzawy," (English and Arabic) *The Kube Houston*, June 25, 2016.
6. George Willy, "The Other Side with Rabbi Reuven Firestone and Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf," *The Kube Houston*, April 23, 2016.
7. Rashi Vats, On immigration and Muslims in Republic Presidential Debate, *Fox 26*, February 25, 2016.
8. Gérard Mordillat and Jérôme Prieur, "Jésus et l'islam," *Association Relative à la Télévision Européenne (ARTE)*, December 2015. (7 Vol. Documentary, French, German, English)
9. Al Ortiz, "The group resettling Syrian refugees in Houston provides minimal information," *KUHF / Houston Public Media*, December 8, 2015.
10. Syeda Hasan, "Terminally ill Houston teenager struggles to reunite with her family in Pakistan," *KUHF / Houston Public Media*, November 18, 2015.
11. Andy Cerota, "Woman poses as sister to gain illegal entry into Texas amid Syrian Civil War," *KPRC / NBC*, September 22, 2015.

12. Augusto Bernal, "Refugiados sirios en Houston hablan de la Guerra," *Telemundo Houston*, September 21, 2015.
13. Matthew Long, "Emran El-Badawi – The Qur'an and the Aramaic Gospel Traditions," *New Books in Islamic Studies*, July 17, 2015.
14. Laura Isensee, "Arabic Immersion School Will Be One Of The First In U.S.," *Here & Now, NPR*, June 12, 2015.
15. Said Fattouh, "Arab History & Studies at the University of Houston," *Arab Voices / KPFT Radio*, April 15, 2015.
16. Cressandra Thibodeaux, "Dialogues on Grace" short documentary film, *14 Pews*, dir. Cressandra Thibodeaux, March 20, 2015.
17. Nikkie Courtney, On US Law and the Iranian Students of UMass, *KTRH New Radio*, February 19, 2015.
18. "The Qur'an and Jesus," *Bible Odyssey*, 2014.
19. Esme Murphy, "History of ISIS," *CBS Radio*, September 27, 2014.
20. José Griñán, "Conflict in Israel following ongoing pattern," *Fox 26*, July 22, 2014.
21. José Griñán, "Univ. of Houston professor explains how Iraq crisis affects U.S.," *Fox 26*, June 23, 2014.
22. On ISIS in Iraq, *Aljazeera English*, June 20, 2014.
23. Marisa Ramirez, "UH Moment: Arab Studies," *KUHF / Houston Public Media*, June 20, 2012.

#### PRINT MEDIA

24. Ferhad Hassan, "Iraq, Syria and the Kurdish question" (Kurdish), *Gulan Media*, June 7, 2017.
25. Dan Friedell, "Social media rushes to define Trump's 'Covfefe' tweet," *Voice of America*, May 31, 2017.
26. Steve Lipman, "Epistles from faith world to political one," *The Jewish Week*, February 14, 2017.
27. "Houston: Hosting 2 University Film Screenings of Syrian Peace Activist 'Little Gandhi,' Award-Winning Documentary Film," *The Katy News*, December 1, 2016.
28. "UH to host panel on effects of Trump presidency," *Defender News Service*, November 25, 2016.
29. Salman Bagirov, "The common wisdom is that Trump is friends with Putin;" "Здравый смысл предполагает дружбу между Трампом и Путиным," *Azeri Today*, December 12, 2016.
30. Marisa Ramirez, "Interfaith Conversation Examines Relationship Between Faith and Extremism," *UH News*, March 4, 2016.
31. John Austin, "Texas Muslims criticize terrorism rhetoric from both parties," *Jacksonville Progress*, January 14, 2016.
32. Joachim Heinz, "Schwere Kost – Arte zeigt Doku-Reihe 'Jesus und der Islam'," *kath.cb - Katholisches Medienzentrum*, December 7, 2015.
33. Celia Shortt, "IQSA holds annual meetings in downtown Atlanta," *The Newman Times-Herald*, November 28, 2015.
34. Allan Turner, "Survey: Christian Americans view Muslim values 'at odds' with those of America," *Houston Chronicle*, November 17, 2015.
35. Leen Basharat, "Syrian refugees may see Houston as safe haven," *The Daily Cougar*, November 4, 2015.
36. Adam Hamze, "Learning Arabic begins early for Houston magnet school students," *Houston Chronicle*, October 20, 2015.
37. Leah Caldwell, "Learning Arabic in Houston, Inshallah," *The Texas Observer*, August 24, 2015.
38. "Intelektual Lintas Agama Akui Nilai Universalitas al Qur'an," *Media Fokus Internasional*, August 6, 2015.
39. Ivan Aditya, "Penafsiran Ayat Alquran Secara Komprehensif," *Kedaulatan Rakyat Yogyakarta*, August 5, 2015.
40. Sunartono, "Ahli Tafsir Berbagai Negara Kaji Al Quran Di UIN Jogja," *Harian Jogja*, August 5, 2015.
41. Heri Purwata, "Pembicara Asing Bincangkan Tren Baru Studi Alquran," *Republika Online*, August 4, 2015.
42. Kajian al Qur'an Terus Berkembang dan Semakin Baragam Dalam Upaya Memecahkan Segala Problematika Umat Manusia, *UIN Sunan Kalijaga*, August 4, 2015.
43. Allan Turner, "Poll: Voters increasingly open to 'non-traditional' presidential candidates," *Houston Chronicle*, July 22, 2015.

44. Victor Skinner, "Houston district opens 'Arabic Immersion School' to create 'global citizens'," *EAGnews*, June 19, 2015.
45. Laura Isensee, "Houston teachers, students prepare for new Arabic immersion school," *Houston Public Media*, June 18, 2015
46. Ferhad Hassan, "Emran El-Badawi: If ISIS falls today, another equally brutal group or angry, disenfranchised young men will take their place," *Gulan Media*, June 15, 2015; Kurdish language version, June 18, 2015.
47. Najwa M. Saad, "Arab Americans fund university Arab Studies," *The Arab Weekly*, June 12, 2015.
48. Kimberly Jones, "Is Obama's US war against ISIS failing in Iraq and Syria?," *The News Hub*, May 22, 2015.
49. Melissa Carroll, "Ambassador Mohammed Alhussaini Al Sharif to Speak at UH May 5," *UH News*, May 4, 2015.
50. Trey Strange, "#FreeAustinTice: Parents of UH alumnus kidnapped in Syria speak at University," *The Daily Cougar*, April 28, 2015.
51. Middle East Online, "AAEF celebrates official establishment of Chair of Modern Arab History at University of Houston," *Middle East Online*, April 19, 2015.
52. Nikkie Courtney, "U.S. Law Restricts Iranian Students," *KTRH New Radio*, February 19, 2015.
53. Tom Hutton, "Visiting professor to discuss ISIS and Islam in campus speech," *Communique, The Scribe*, February 19, 2015.
54. Corey Olson, "Scholars discuss Middle East crisis, U.S. foreign policy," *The Daily Cougar*, November 15, 2014.
55. Ericka Mellon, "HISD board to vote on Arabic-immersion school," *Houston Chronicle*, November 13, 2014.
56. Kyle Devasier, "ISIS, military invasion to be discussed by Honors-hosted panel," *The Daily Cougar*, November 12, 2014.
57. Michelle Iracheta and Mihir Zaveri, "Obama's ISIS campaign touches a raw Texan nerve, generates support, skepticism," *Houston Chronicle*, September 13, 2014.
58. Allan Turner, "Documentary calls on Muslims in U.S. to be more inclusive," *Houston Chronicle*, July 2, 2014.
59. Peter Suci, "Shadows of World War I Continue to Haunt Modern Iraq," *Armchair General*, June 26, 2014.
60. Ting Xuan Tan, "Experts react to possible Iraq airstrike," *Daily Iowan*, June 24, 2014.
61. Sơn Duân, "Sự trỗi dậy của ISIL," *Thanh Niên*, June 22, 2014
62. Ehab Zahriyeh, "How ISIL became a major force with only a few thousand fighters," *Aljazeera America*, June 19, 2014.
63. Shawn Lindsey, "UH expert lends historical context to ISIS insurgency in Iraq," *UH News*, June 18, 2014.
64. Konstantina Angelides, "UH professor links Qu'ran as continuation of Bible," *The Daily Cougar*, March 19, 2014.
65. Melissa Carroll, "UH researcher strengthens link between Quran and Bible," *UH News*, March 10, 2014.
66. Menachem Wecker, "Bridging Atlantic divide in studies of Quran," *Houston Chronicle*, March 6, 2014.
67. Mike Emery, "UH Mitchell Center awarded grant to promote understanding of Muslim culture through art," *UH News*, January 16, 2014.
68. Lynn Garrett and Marcia Z. Nelson, "Academic publishing alive and thriving as religion scholars meet," *Publishers Weekly*, November 27, 2013.
69. Nora Olabi, "Director molds emissaries of peace," *The Daily Cougar*, November 26, 2013.
70. Ramit Plushnick-Masti, "For Fort Hood Shooter, Is Execution Punishment?," *Associated Press*, August 24, 2013.
71. Melissa Carroll, "'Under the Bombs,' Film screening inaugural event for Arab Studies," *UH News*, March 21, 2013.
72. Dina Kesbeh, "Arab Studies, student union to air film," *The Daily Cougar*, March 21, 2013.
73. Mike Emery, "Exhibition at UH dedicated to Arab American's contributions to US," *UH.edu*, February 26, 2013.

74. Aimee Bachari, "Moving Forward: Area Studies Programs and Diversity at UH," *Houston History*, November 26, 2012.
75. Menachem Wecker, "As Muslim student population grows, UH debuts Arab studies minor," *Houston Chronicle*, November 1, 2012.
76. Paul Kopenkoskey, "Arab studies chief focusing on peace," *Houston Chronicle*, June 21, 2012.
77. Mark Oppenheimer, "Across Religions, Persistent Battles Over What the Faithful May Read," *New York Times*, June 9, 2012.
78. "Bible scholars back more critical studies of Qur'an," *The Christian Century*, June 7, 2012.
79. Peter Monaghan, "For Koranic Studies, a Scholarly Society Is Born," *Chronicle for Higher Education*, June 7, 2012.
80. Kaustuv Basu, "A big tent society: A scholarly organization for those who study the Koran," *Inside Higher Ed*, May 30, 2012.
81. Melissa Carroll, "New Minor in Arab Studies Debuts at UH, Emran El-Badawi Named First Director of Program," *UH News*, May 14, 2012.

## PRESENTATIONS

### CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PAPERS

1. "Masa'il al-kana'is al-suryaniyyah wa ijabat al-risalah al-qur'aniyyah / The crises of the Syriac churches and the response of the Qur'anic epistle" (talk in Arabic), International Qur'anic Studies Association, Bayt al-Hikmah / Académie Tunisienne des Sciences, des Lettres et des Arts, Carthage, Tunisia, July 4-6 2017.
2. "Qur'an Seminar," International Qur'anic Studies Association, San Antonio, TX, November 20, 2016
3. "Rethinking Islamic Studies," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2016
4. "Creed, council and canon: The journey from Christianity to the Qur'an." British Academy/University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, October 16, 2016
5. "Cross pollination between Islamic and western history," Teaching History in Universities: Visions, Approaches and Themes, Qatar University, Doha, November 25-26, 2015
6. "Law and Tradition in the Long Seventh Century (570-705) - Between Qur'an and Church Canon," International Qur'anic Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, November 21, 2015
7. "Exploring the Qur'an & Church Canon: Near Eastern Law in the Long Seventh Century (570-705 CE)," International Qur'anic Studies Association, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Indonesia, August 4, 2015
8. Invited participant, Annual Osher International Theology Conference, Jerusalem, Theme: "The Religious Problem of Environmental Ethics," January 19-23, 2014
9. Three colloquium presentations on Q 4:2-28; Q 36; Q 75, The Qur'an Seminar, University of Notre Dame, December 2012; February; March, 2013
10. "Clerical authority in the Qur'an: A dialogue with the Syriac Gospels and Acts of the Apostles," Workshop on Qur'anic Studies today – methodological diversity as a challenge: Biblical traditions revisited in the Qur'an, University of Chicago, November 9, 2012
11. "The qur'anic perspective on the Early Church: A dialogue with the Syriac Acts of the Apostles," Society for Biblical Literature, Chicago, November 18, 2012
12. "The Qur'an and the Early Church," Houston Colloquium, Lanier Theological Library, Houston, October 11, 2012
13. "The Qur'an: Revelation and Scripture," "The Qur'an: Previous Nations and the Apocalypse," "The Qur'an: Laws and Lessons," Honors College, University of Houston, November 2011
14. "The Evolution of Arab Enlightenment Thought and Its Prospects after the Egyptian Revolution," Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, May 2011
15. "Stages of the Apocalypse in the Qur'an and Aramaic Gospel Traditions," Middle East History and Theory Workshop, in a joint meeting with the Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium, University of Chicago, May 2011
16. "Prophetic Tradition in the Qur'an," Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, California, November 2010

17. "Prophetic Tradition in the Late Antique Near East," Middle East History and Theory Workshop, in a joint meeting with the Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium, University of Chicago, May 2010
18. "The Language of Condemnation: a Comparative Analysis of the Qur'an and Syriac Matthew," 2nd Conference on the Qur'an in its Historical Context, University of Notre Dame, April 2009
19. "The Language of Condemnation in the Syriac Gospel of Matthew and the Qur'an," Duroshe Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Yale University, March 2009

#### INVITED TALKS

1. "Confessions of a liberal Arab: A literary survey," School of Modern Languages, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, January 19, 2017.
2. Panel member, "So what now? A Q&A and Panel Discussion on the Impact of a Trump Administration on America's Immigrant, Minority, and Refugee Communities," co-sponsored by UH Center for Immigration Research (CIR), UH Law Center Immigration Clinic, Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS), Department of Sociology University of Houston, November 28, 2016.
3. "A political survey of the Middle East," India Arab Cultural Center, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, May 19, 2016
4. Panel Moderator, "Between Faith and Extremism," World Affairs Council of Greater Houston, Houston, March 9, 2016
5. "Mirrors for Princes & the Islamic Middle East" Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, February 17, 2016
6. "Energy Policy: Did the US Win or Lose in the Iran Nuclear Deal?," Q&A Moderator, Houston, February 15, 2016
7. Panel member, "Building Bridges: Campus Community Engagement," Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics, Georgetown University, Washington DC, December 4-6, 2015
8. Introductory remarks, "The Arab Peace Initiative: Combating Terrorism" Honors College, University of Houston, May 5, 2015
9. Host and introductory remarks, "Arab History & Studies," College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston, April 10, 2015
10. "#FreeAustinTice," poetry reading & panel discussion on reporter kidnapped in Syria, Honors College, University of Houston, April 27, 2015
11. "Religious violence and the problem of ISIS in the Middle East," Center for Religious Diversity and Public Life, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, March 9, 2015
12. Panel discussion on religion over the next 50 years, A. D. Bruce Religion Center, University of Houston, February 12, 2015
13. "Military Intervention and Human Rights in Iraq: A UH Perspective," Panel discussion, Honors College, University of Houston, November 14, 2014
14. Discussion leader, "What is Muslim?," Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts, Houston, Texas, October 2014
15. "*Al-bahth 'an al-siyaq al-qur'ani* / In search for the qur'anic context" (talk in Arabic), Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, May 16, 2014
16. "Introduction to IQSA," International Qur'anic Studies Association/Society of Biblical Literature, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, July 2013
17. Discussant, Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrians in the Umayyad State Symposium at the University of Chicago, June 17-18, 2011, "Looking for Jews in the Umayyad Period: First Efforts at a Prolegomena to the History of Jews in the Early Islamic Centuries" by Fred Astren
18. "*Misr bayna al-tanwir wa al-thawrah* / Egypt between Enlightenment and Revolution" (talk in Arabic), Arabic Circle Lecture Series, University of Chicago, February 2011
19. "Islamic Modernism and the Arab World," Department of Humanities, University of Louisville, February 2011
20. "The Evolution of Arab Enlightenment Thought," Department of Modern and Classical Languages, University of Houston, February 2011



21. "A Survey of Modern Qur'anic Studies," Department of Religion, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, December 2010
22. Discussant, Middle East History and Theory Workshop, January 11, 2010, "The Early Development of the Qur'anic Hanif: an Exegetical Analysis" by Mun'im Sirri
23. "The Qur'an and the Aramaic Gospel Traditions," Corpus Coranicum, Berlin, Germany, June 2009

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

24. Keynote address, Palestinian Culture Night, Arab American Cultural and Community Center, Houston, January 22, 2017
25. "The Changing Middle East," US Customs and Border Protection, Petroleum, Natural Gas and Minerals Center of Excellence and Expertise, Houston, Texas, April 13, 2016
26. "Islam and Modernity," Springfield College, Houston, Texas, November 8, 2015
27. "Where are the Arab moderates?," Dinner and Dialogue intellectual saloon, Houston, Texas, May 22, 2015
28. "Arab American heritage," US Customs and Border Protection, Houston, Texas, April 7, 2015
29. "Sectarianism in the Middle East," Great Decisions program, Foreign Policy Association of New York, Clear Lake Islamic Center & Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, Clear Lake, Texas, March 3, 2015
30. "Arabic Cultural Presentation," Panel discussion, Global Studies Academy at Clements High School, Sugar Land, TX, January 26, 2015
31. Overview of Arab history and culture, Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS), Arab American Cultural and Community Center, Houston, August 2014
32. Two presentations at private donor dinners in support of campaign to hire Chair of Arab History, Arab American Educational Foundation, April 2012, 2013
33. "Arab Studies at UH", April 2013; Discussion Leader, Foreign Language Awards Luncheon, World Affairs Council of Houston, April 2012, 2013, 2015
34. "Qur'anic Parallels in the Bible," Islamic Society of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 2001
35. "On Chapter 12 of the Qur'an, Surat Yusuf," Noor ul-Eman School, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, May 2000

### **TEACHING**

#### GRADUATE SUPERVISION

1. M.A. thesis reader: Hasan Ylmaz (University of Houston; 2012), "A Study of Muslim Experiences with Discrimination and Prejudice in Houston"

#### UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION

2. Advisor, Houston Early Research Experience Grant (\$1000): Saman Essa, "Muslim influences on Spanish novel *Don Quixote*," 2017-2018.
3. Contributor, B.A. Thesis: Isobell Richardson, "Is the writing on the wall? Assessing the Transformative Potential of Calligraphiti in Houston, Texas," (University of Cambridge, Spring 2017)
4. Reader, B.A. Thesis: Mai Koolkailah, "The Arts of Islamic Spain: functionality and virtuosity" (University of Houston, Spring 2017)
5. Advisor, B.A. Honors Project: Zaynab Abidogun, "A biography of Khalil Gibran;" (in Arabic; University of Houston, Fall 2016)
6. Reader, B.A. Thesis: Sahar Sadoughi, "Right to a Trial: An Analysis of In Absentia Legal Procedure and a Case-Study of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon" (University of Houston, Spring 2016)
7. Advisor, B.A. Honors Paper: Sarah Jaroudi, "Zahra's Time Lapse; Development of Arab Women Writers Pre & Post Lebanese Civil War" (University of Houston, Spring 2014)
8. Advisor, B.A. Honors Paper: Mary Catherine Honeycutt, "Perception Shapes Religion: A Study of the Qur'an & Bible Through the Eyes of the University" (University of Houston, Spring 2014)

## HIGHSCHOOL SUPERVISION

9. Mentor, National History Day, "Exploring Al Andalus: Spain's Encounter with the Moors, and the Cultural Exchange that fueled the Renaissance," DeBakey High School for Health Professions, Houston, TX, Spring 2016
10. Capstone Mentor, Global Studies Academy, Clements High School, Sugar Land, TX, Fall 2015
11. Mentor, advisor on how to start an Arab Studies club; discussing Middle East conflict resolution, Carnegie Vanguard High School, Houston, TX, Fall 2013

## COURSES TAUGHT & DESIGNED

1. Energy, Society & the Middle East / Oil, Religion & the Middle East (ENRG 4397, ARAB 3397)
2. Modern Middle East: Literature, Politics and Ideas (WCL 3377)
3. Modernity and Rationalism in Islamic Traditions (ARAB 3340)
4. Early Islamic Society: Literature and Thought ca. 750-1250 (WCL 3341)
5. Introduction to Arabic Literature in Translation (ARAB 3312)
6. Women and Gender in Arabic Literature (ARAB 3314)
7. Qur'an as Literature (ARAB 3313)
8. Terrorism: Past and Present (guest lecturer; WCL 3397)
9. Human Situation 1: Antiquity (guest lecturer; HON 2101)
10. Frames of Modernity I: Renaissance to World War 2 (guest lecturer; WCL 4351)
11. Elem, Inter & Adv Modern Standard Arabic (ARAB 10101-30201)
12. Spoken Colloquial Arabic I & II (FLSCAR)
13. Introduction to Islam (W200)
14. World Religions (C051)
15. Western Religions (R053)
16. Death and Dying (W343)
17. Arabic Certificate Program, University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies, 2009-2010

## **SERVICE**

### PROFESSIONAL

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & TREASURER, International Qur'anic Studies Association
  - a. CONFERENCE ORGANIZER, annual & international meetings:  
Boston (2017); Carthage, Tunisia (2017); San Antonio, Texas (2016); Atlanta, Georgia (2015); Yogyakarta, Indonesia (2015); San Diego, California (2014); St. Andrews, Scotland (2013); Baltimore, Maryland (2013); Chicago, Illinois (2012)
  - b. CO-CHAIR/EX-OFFICIO, board of directors
  - c. (CO)AUTHORED legal and organizational documents:  
Contracts: Publishing, Advertising & Design; Memoranda of Understanding; Annual Reports; Bylaws; Articles of incorporation and non-profit 501(c)3 status; Mission and vision
  - d. MANAGER
    - i. Budget management
    - ii. Fund Raising, including Henry Luce Foundation, Windsor Family Foundation
    - iii. Develop revenue streams (membership, advertising, fund raising)
    - iv. Programming Committee agenda (North America as well as International committees)
    - v. Publishing and Research agenda
    - vi. Nominating Committee, organization leadership
    - vii. Content Management (website, member directory, discussion group, social media, blog)
    - viii. Annual program book
  - e. PARTNERS

Society of Biblical Literature; UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Indonesia; American Schools of Oriental Research; Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts; Biblia Arabica

2. CONFERENCE DIRECTOR, “Communities of the Qur’an” (March 10-11, 2016), Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance, Rice University & World Affairs Council of Greater Houston, 2014-2016
3. EDITORIAL BOARDS
  - a. *Al-Bayan: Journal of Qur’an and Hadith Studies*, 2013 – Present
  - b. *Islamic Rethink*, 2014 – Present
  - c. Miscellaneous editorial work:
    - i. Amy Newmark and Milton Boniuk, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Be The Best You Can Be: Inspiring True Stories about Goals & Values for Teens & Preteens*, Houston: The Boniuk Foundation, 2015.
    - ii. Society of Biblical Literature, *The SBL Handbook of Style: For Biblical Studies and Related Disciplines*, Second Edition, Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014.
    - iii. J. Morrow, *Arabic, Islam and the Allah Lexicon*. New York: Mellen Press, 2006.
4. TENURE & PROMOTION REVIEWER
  - a. Promotion to tenured associate professor, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, September 2017.
5. EXTERNAL REVIEWER
  - a. Book Ms. “Empires of the Near East and India: Source Studies of the Safavid, Ottoman, and Mughal Literate Communities,” Columbia University Press, June 2017.
  - b. Book Ms. on Moses in Rabbinic, Syriac Christian & Islamic literature, London; New York: Routledge Press, September 2016.
  - c. Allen Lane, *The Paper Trail*, Penguin Press, chapter 11, November, 2013 (published 2016)
6. STEERING COMMITTEE, Texas Digital Humanities Consortium, 2014-2016
7. GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE of the Middle Eastern Medievalists, 2009-2010
  - a. PANEL ORGANIZER, “Qur’an Studies: Between Text and Interpretation,” Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, November 18-21, 2010

## INSTITUTIONAL

1. PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DEPARTMENT OF MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
  - a. ESTABLISHED Minor in Arab Studies; Arabic Credit by Examination program (ACTFL, AP, IB compliant)
  - b. DEVELOPED,
    - i. BA in World Cultures and Literatures, Middle Eastern Studies Concentration for the World Cultures, University of Houston, 2011 – Present
    - ii. Study Abroad program, CAMES-AUB (Beirut), AUC (Cairo), CIL (Muscat), SIT (Marrakesh), Qasid Arabic Institute (Amman), AUD (Dubai)
    - iii. Annual Institutional Effectiveness Reports for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
    - iv. Annual award ceremony: Scholarships supported by Saudi consulate; book awards supported by Egypt consulate / Fayoum University, Egypt
    - v. Integration into national PERMES Database
    - vi. Annual reports to: Donors and Department Chair
  - c. EVENT & PANEL ORGANIZER
    - i. Public screening of “Little Ghandi,” reception and talk by director Sam Kadi, co-sponsored by Syrian American Council, December 2, 2016.
    - ii. Public screening of “Traitors,” reception, Q&A, Model Arab League conference, Honors College/University of Houston and Bilateral US-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Houston, February 19, 2016

- iii. Co-sponsor, “Muslims, Jews, Frenchmen: A History of Complex Encounters,” a talk by Ethan Katz, Jewish Studies and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Houston, February 1, 2016
    - iv. Public screening of “Marina of the Zabbaleen,” reception and talk by director Engi Wassef, co-sponsored by World Affairs Council of Houston, February 19, 2015
    - v. “Is the Arab World Dying or Being Born?” Public discussion and private lunch with Rami Khouri, Arab Studies, co-sponsored by World Affairs Council of Houston, University of Houston, November 14, 2014
    - vi. CO-SPONSOR, Public film screening of “Wadжда,” with Houston FotoFest, MFAH and Sony Pictures, April, 2014
    - vii. Public film screening of “Under The Bombs,” reception and talk, co-sponsored by Arab Studies Program and Arab Student Union, University of Houston, March, 2013
  - d. Departmental Professional Development Award & Travel Fund COMMITTEE, Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages, University of Houston, Fall 2015, Fall 2016
  - e. Fullbright committee & foreign language evaluator, University of Houston, Fall 2016
- 2. COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
  - a. FACULTY GOVERNANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE, evaluating and managing department chairs performance and promotion, reporting to dean, 2016-2017
  - b. Language Acquisition Center ADVISORY BOARD, 2016-2017
  - c. UNDERGRADUATE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, 2014-2015.
  - d. HOST, reception to celebrate “Arab History & Studies” at the University of Houston, including donors, AAEF board members, top university administrators and diplomats from Washington DC, Houston, TX, April 10, 2015
  - e. PRESENTATION before AAEF board meetings to plan UH Arab Studies Center, Houston, TX, March, 2014
  - f. CO-AUTHORED with Dean of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences proposal for a Chair of Arab Studies at the department of Modern & Classical Languages, May 2012
  - g. FUND RAISING, Arab Studies program (scholarships, events, research, pedagogue)
  - h. TASK FORCE, “Intersections,” project by Mitchell Center for the Arts, funded by Dorris Duke “Building Bridges” grant aimed at changing attitudes towards Islamic societies through the Performing Arts, University of Houston, 2012-2015 (\$200,000); National Meeting, Washington DC, December 2015; Meeting artists throughout 2014-2016
  - i. ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Religious Studies Major, University of Houston, September 2013
  - j. STEERING COMMITTEE, UH Energy / Certificate in Global Energy, Development & Sustainability—Middle East Concentration, 2014-2015.
  - k. DISCUSSION LEADER, Martin Luther King Celebration, University of Houston, January 2012
- 3. SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER
  - a. Open Rank Professor & AAEF endowed chair of Arab History, Dept. of History, University of Houston, 2013-14; 2014-15
  - b. Associate Professor of Judeo-Christian Studies, Dept. of Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Houston, Fall 2013
  - c. Assistant Professor of Francophonic Studies, Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages, University of Houston, Fall 2013
  - d. CHAIR, Lecturer of Arabic, Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages, University of Houston, Fall 2011; Fall 2016; Spring 2017
  - e. CO-CHAIR, Instructional Assistant Professor of Arabic, Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages, University of Houston, Fall 2011
- 4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES & SEMINARS
  - a. Content Management Systems (CMS) Basics Training, TSS Web Technologies, Houston, TX, September 20, 2016.

- b. Corporate, Foundation Relations open house, Houston, TX, April 28, 2015
  - c. Building a MOOC from the Ground Up, CLASS office of Educational Technology, Houston, TX, April 3, 2015
  - d. Inaugural Texas Digital Humanities Conference, Houston, TX, April 10-12, 2014
  - e. Python programming workshop, CACDS, Houston, March, 2014
  - f. Shell programming workshop, CACDS, Houston, March, 2014
  - g. Linux Workshop, CACDS, Houston, February, 2014
  - h. Digital Humanities workshop: semantic vs. syntactic analysis, Houston, October, 2012
5. FACULTY ADVISOR
- a. Saudis in Houston, 2016-2018
  - b. Egyptian Student Association, University of Houston, Fall 2015
  - c. Arabic Speaking Club, University of Houston, Spring 2014

## COMMUNITY

- 1. ADVISORY BOARD, Asia Society, "Muslims of America," Houston, TX, 2017
- 2. ADVISORY BOARD, Arabic Immersion Magnet School (AIMS), Houston, TX, 2015
- 3. North African Trade & Investment Mission to the United States, The National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC) & Arab Maghreb Union & Union of Maghreb Economic Chambers & Houston Metropolitan Chamber, Houston, TX, April 8, 2015
- 4. Qatari National Day Reception, Consulate General of the State of Qatar, Houston, TX, December 2014
- 5. Saudi National Day Reception, Royal Consulate of Saudi Arabia, Houston, TX, September, 2014
- 6. ACC 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration Gala, Arab American Cultural and Community Center, Houston, TX, October 4, 2014
- 7. Private talk and reception by Trita Parsi, "US and Iran: Is a Diplomatic Solution Finally Possible?," University of Houston, October, 2013
- 8. DIPLOMATIC MEETINGS / COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS
  - a. Private reception & talk by Ambassador Mohammed Al-Hussaini Al-Sharif, Chief Representative of the League of Arab States in Washington DC, Houston, TX, May 5, 7, 2015
  - b. Consul general of Egypt, Khaled Rady, Houston, TX, December 15, 2014
  - c. Consul general of Qatar, Mohammed al-Homed; Qatari National Day, Houston, TX, December 2014
  - d. Private reception with & talk by John B. Craig, former US ambassador to Oman, University of Houston at Clear Lake, Houston, TX, February 2014
  - e. Private reception with the Honorable Robert Ford, US ambassador to Syria, Bilateral US-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Houston, TX, March, 2013

## **CONSULTING**

### LAW & ASYLUM

- 1. Rahgozar Law Firm, PLLC
  - a. Report on Iranian culture, September 2017
- 2. King & Spalding
  - a. Syria country condition report for asylum case, June 1, 2017
- 3. MehaffyWeber Attorneys
  - a. Jordan travel report, March-June 2017
- 4. Gonzalez Olivieri, LLC
  - a. Iraq country condition report for UN Convention Against Torture, April 2016
- 5. The Modi Law Firm, Houston, TX
  - a. Saudi Arabia country condition report for asylum case, June 2017
  - b. Saudi Arabia country condition report for asylum case, June 2015
  - c. Iraq country condition report for asylum case, May 2015

6. Refugee Services of Texas, Houston, TX, October 2015
  - a. Liaison between Syrian refugees and volunteer workers
7. The Amdur Law Firm, PLLC, Houston, TX
  - a. Rise of sectarianism in Iraq and Jordan, Expert opinion for asylum case, March, 2015
8. UH Law Clinic, Houston, TX
  - a. Danger of ISIS and Shiite militias in Iraq, Expert opinion for asylum case, February, 2015
9. The Hall Law Firm, Houston, TX
  - a. Expert witness testimony on Middle Eastern & Mediterranean Culture for law suit, April-May, 2014
10. Harry Gee & Associates, Houston, TX (Immigration case)
  - a. Statement on history of Egypt and Gaza during 1950s, March 2014
  - b. Statement on Ottoman and Jordanian government archives between WW1-WW2, April 2104

### OIL & GAS / GOVERNMENT

1. US Customs and Border Protection / Petroleum, Natural Gas and Minerals Center of Excellence and Expertise, Houston, TX
  - a. "Syria: What's happening and why," April 21, 2017
  - b. "Arab-American history & the Changing Middle East," April 13, 2016
  - c. "Arab-American heritage," April 7, 2015
2. Bilateral US-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Houston, TX
  - a. Private Briefing with His Excellency Lukman Faily (Ambassador, Iraq) and Anthony Godfrey (US Dept. of State), November 6, 2014
  - b. Annual Offshore Technology Conference Welcome Reception, May, 2014, 2015
3. USLAW National Assembly, Rosemont, Illinois  
Interpreter for President of the Iraqi Oil Workers Union, December 2009

### EDUCATION

1. Arab American Cultural and Community Center, Houston, TX  
Houston, Education Advisory Committee, I re-created the adult education curriculum and help train HISD teachers and administrators (VIPS program)  
May 31, July 12, August 23, 2014.
2. Houston Independent School District (HISD), Houston, TX  
Collaborated with teacher training, Arabic curricular development at Houston area high schools (Bellaire HS; Lee HS); including with Manager of Foreign Languages and Manager of ESL at SBISD  
2012-14

### PUBLISHING & MEDIA

1. World Book Publishing, Chicago, Illinois  
Web Content Editor; Translator and Cataloguer of Arabic encyclopedia articles; Writer of Arabic business correspondences  
July 2009 – August 2013
2. Encyclopedia Britannica, Chicago, Illinois  
Web Translator and Reviewer of Arabic encyclopedia articles October 2007 – August 2008, December 2011
3. LRS Recording Company, Chicago, Illinois  
Reviewing and editing Arabic scripts for TV, Radio and medical industry, February 2009, February 2010, April 2011, February 2012
4. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, New York Arabic-English Translator, March 2006

### CULTURAL EVENTS

1. Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs, collaborated on UH Arab Studies program development, Houston  
July 10, 2014.
2. Arab American National Museum (AANM), Prep committee, “Patriots & Peacemakers: Arab Americans in Service to Our Country” exhibition, Dearborn, MI, hosted at the University of Houston Alumni Center  
March-April, 2012

## **PAST EMPLOYMENT**

### ACADEMIC

- University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations & Graham School of General Studies  
- Lecturer of Arabic 2006-2010  
- Arabic Course Assistant 2006-2010
- Temple University  
- Lecturer of Religion 2003-2005

### TECHNICAL

- Rutgers University Computing Services, Piscataway, New Jersey, Assistant Supervisor, Consultant, July 1999 – August 2003
- Lucent Technologies, Warren, New Jersey, Web Developer and Intern, July 2000 – September 2000

## **AFFILIATIONS**

### ACADEMIC

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
- Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
- International Qur’anic Studies Association (IQSA)
- Texas Digital Humanities Consortium
- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- American Oriental Society (AOS)

### PROFESSIONAL

- World Affairs Council of Houston
- InterNations
- Network of Arab American Professionals (NAAP)
- A Small World (ASW)

### VOLUNTEER

- Volunteer in Public Schools (VIPS / HISD)
- Spring Branch ISD Volunteer

## **LANGUAGES**

### MIDDLE EASTERN

- Arabic (MSA, Colloquial)
- Old South Arabian (Reading)
- Persian/Farsi
- Biblical Hebrew (Reading)
- Aramaic (Syriac, CPA, Nabataean, Biblical)
- Classical Greek (Reading)

### EUROPEAN

- English
- French
- German (Reading)

## **MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

- Budget/Fiscal Management
- Curriculum Development
- Program Development
- Fundraising
- Outreach & International Initiatives
- Assessment & Effectiveness
- Operations

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

1. Computational Analysis: Word2Word; TAMS Analyzer
2. Web Development: HTML, CSS, SEO, some Python, XML, JavaScript, Perl
3. Design & Software: Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Photoshop, MS Office, Google Docs
4. Database: Excel Macros, some MySQL, MS Access
5. Platforms: Unix, Linux, Windows, MacOS, WordPress, Social media.