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### Education

- May 2010 Damascus University.  
PhD, Department of Qur'ānic studies. Dissertation Title: "*Early Ḥadīth Scholars and their Methodology of Hadith Criticism.*"  
Thesis Advisor: Nūr al-Dīn 'Itr.  
Major fields: Hadith studies, Islamic Law, Islamic history
- November 2006 Damascus University.  
MA, Department of Qur'ānic studies. Concentration in '*Uṣūl al-Ḥadīth*
- 2000 Damascus University.  
BA, Islamic Studies.

### Teaching Experience

- 2015-present University of Vanderbilt-Religious Department  
Senior Lecturer of Arabic Languages and Literature
- 2013- 2015 University of Chicago-Divinity School  
Visiting Instructor of Islamic Studies and Arabic  
Courses on Introductory Qur'ānic Arabic, and reading Arabic religious texts, Arabic and Islamic text readings.
- July 2011-September 2012 Qasid Institute-Jordan (an institute for teaching Arabic to non-native speakers) Lecturer of classical Arabic, Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), and Levantine Dialect.
- 2010-December 2011 Damascus University  
Lecturer, Department of Quranic and Hadith Studies
- 2005-May 2011 Director and co-founder, Dalalah Institute, (an institute based in Damascus, Syria concerned with providing training to non-native-students and researchers of MSA and classical Arabic language, Levantine dialect, Islamic Studies and Near Eastern Studies).
- January 2003- July 2003 Qasid Institute  
Instructor of MSA (Modern Standard Arabic)
- February 2003 Training course in teaching Arabic to non-native speakers.

### Publications:

#### Books:

- November 2015 *On the Origins of Hadith Terminology: the Dividing Line Between Early and Late Hadith Scholars.* In Arabic, Dār Arwiqa, Amman
- August 2018 *Early Ḥadīth Scholars and their Methodology of Ḥadīth Criticism.* In Arabic, Dār Al-Muqtabas, Beirut

#### Chapters:

- Forthcoming 2018 Towards the Systematization of the Science of Authentication and Ḥadīth Classification: Authors and Their Works (English) in The Oxford Handbook of Hadith Studies. ed. Mustafa Shah. Oxford Press.
- 2018 The Rise of Syrian Salafism: From Denial to Recognition (English) *The Syrian Uprising* eds. Raymond Hinnebusch and Omar Imady. Routledge.
- 2017 Hadith Studies in Syria: Reshaping Hadith criticism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In

- the Hadith Studies in the Modern Era* ed. Ahmad al-Jabiri. Nama Center, Saudi Arabia.
- 2012 "Illumination Philosophy as a resource for mutual understanding: a study of the literature of Jalāluddīn Rūmī and Farīduddīn 'Aṭṭār" (in English) *What about the other? A question for cross-cultural education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*, edited by Nayla Tabbara. Lebanon, NDU Publications/Adyan.
- 2009 "An Islamic Perspective on Shared Characteristics of Human Civilizations and Distinguishing Features of Islamic Civilization" (in Arabic) (Proceedings of the conference "One Mankind, Three Religions"), Kaslik University, Lebanon.
- August 2009 "The Efforts of Contemporary Hadith Scholars in *Uṣūl al-Ḥadīth*: Characteristics of the Modern Era and Its Most Important Books" (in Arabic) Scholarly Publications of Damascus University.
- September 2009 "Significant Obstacles to Accepting Hadith in the Contemporary Era" (in Arabic) Scholarly Publications of Damascus University.
- August 2006 "Description of the Science of Principles of Hadith (*uṣūl al-ḥadīth*) and the Characteristics of its Scholars" (in Arabic) Scholarly Publications of Damascus University.

### **Book Review:**

- October 2016 Risha, Sarah. *Education and Curricular Perspectives in the Qur'ān*. Vol 96. Number 4, the Journal of Religion, the University of Chicago
- June 2018 Musa. Khadija *A Critical Edition of 'Umdat al-Nāzir 'alā al-Ashbāh wa'l-Nazā'ir*. AAR online Journal.

### **Blog and Newspaper Articles:**

- July 2015 "The End of Revisionism: Patricia Crone (1945-2015)" in Arabic, Al-Hayat Newspaper.
- September 2014 "ISIS: the Explosion of Narratives: The Land of Revolution Between Political and Metaphysical Eternities" in English and Arabic, Jadaliyya.
- August 2014 "The Arab Uprising: the Conflict of Values and Fractured Groups 2-2" in Arabic, Al-Sharq Newspaper.
- June 2014 "Religious Groups and Scholars of Islam in the Syrian Revolution" in English, Syrian Comments website (June 2014)  
<http://www.joshualandis.com/blog/religious-groups-scholars-islam-syrian-revolution-isam-eido/>
- June 2014 "The Arab Uprising: the Conflict of Values and Fractured Groups 1-2" in Arabic, Al-Sharq Newspaper.
- April 2005 "Martin Lings: The Prophet's Life and Western Islam" in Arabic, Al-Hayat Newspaper.

### **Translations:**

- Forthcoming 2018 *The Jewish Society in Egypt in Medieval Age*. Mark Cohen, reediting and translation into Arabic. Dar al-Jamal, Germany.
- August 2014 "The Science Behind ISIS Savagery" By Ian Robertson, Translation into Arabic, Al-Jumhuriya.  
<http://therepublicgs.net/30253>

### **Dialogue:**

- December 2015 "The Future of Orientalism and the Qur'anic Studies" with Kareem Mohmed, Nama Center, Ar-Riyad, Saudi Arabia.  
<http://nama-center.com/DialogueDatials.aspx?id=43>

### **Conference Presentations and workshops**

- November 2016 "Yujādilunā fi Qawmi Lūt" Q 11:74 The Significance of Abrahamic Argument in Biblical and Qur'ānic Texts. Annual American Academy Religion (AAR) San Antonio.
- November 2016 The Qur'an as a Violent Text. Roundtable discussion, International Qur'anic Studies Association IQSA and AAR. San Antonio.
- March 2016 "The Mu'tazilite Approach toward the Hadith Criticism: the Origin and Evolution" Annual conference of American Oriental Society (AOS), Boston.
- May 2015 "The Question of Authenticity and Shaping the Authoritative Islamic Texts", Middle East History and Theory Conference (MEHAT), University of Chicago.
- March 2015 "The Role of the Moral Probity of Transmitters and Shaping the Authoritative Islamic Texts" Annual conference of American Oriental Society (AOS), New Orleans.
- August 2014 "Islamic Bioethics from Fiqh to Tasawwuf" Mapping Out an Islamic Bioethics: An Intensive Workshop. Initiative on Islam and Medicine, University of Chicago.
- May 2013 "Forming the Enemy: Wrath and Human Erring" Workshop at EUME a research program at Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin.
- October 2011 "The Development of *Uṣūl al-Ḥadīth* During the Seljuk Era" Seljukids University Conference on Science and Thought in the Seljuk Era, Turkey.
- July 2011 "Iftā' in Syria: A Study of the Unofficial Media Effect During the Last Two Decades," Iftā' on Screens: Satellite Television, the Internet and Religious Authority in the Arab World, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies.
- June 2011 "Illumination Philosophy as a Resource for Mutual Understanding: a Study of the Literature of Jalāluddīn Rūmī and Farīduddīn 'Aṭṭār" Cross Cultural Education, Adyan Foundation and Notre Dame University, Lebanon.
- May 2009 "The Awaited Mahdī in the Works and Thought of Sunni Mystics: The Case of Ibn 'Arabi" Roads to Paradise, Gottingen University, Germany.
- October 2008 "An Islamic Perspective on Shared Characteristics of Human Civilizations and Distinguishing Features of Islamic Civilization" One Mankind, Three Religions, Kaslik University, Lebanon.
- Invited lectures:**
- October 2015 "The history of Qur'anic Manuscripts" Ink, Silk and Gold: Early Islamic Art, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville
- May 2014 "Inside Syria: Faith and Fighting in a Fractured Land" the University of Chicago Institute of Politics (IOP).
- May 2014 "Divine Wrath in Qur'anic Texts: Different Approaches for Forming the Enemy" Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago.
- April 2014 "The Transitions of the Structure of the Religious Groups Throughout the Syrian Revolution" Center for the Study of Religion, UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles).
- April 2014 "A Chronological reading of Divine Wrath in Qur'anic Texts" Center for the Study of Religion, UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles).
- March 2014 "Scholars of Islamic Law and the Syrian Revolution" Washington and Lee University.
- February 2014 "The Syrian Salafism: Origins and Evolution" The Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC), University of Chicago.
- March 2013 "The Rise of Syrian Salafism: From Denial to Recognition" the Center for

March 2013 Syrian Studies, St Andrews University, Scotland.  
"The Role of the Ulama in the Syrian Uprising" Cambridge Muslim College, London.

**Other Relevant Experience**

June 2018 Intensive Course, Pre-Islamic Arabia, Princeton University  
2017-present Board member of Faith and Cultural Center (FCC), Nashville, Tennessee.  
2017-2018 One semester course, Effective Teaching Strategies for International Faculty, Vanderbilt University  
2017-2018 Two courses, Elementary Biblical Hebrew, Divinity School, Vanderbilt University  
2017-2018 Associate editor of the Journal of International Qur'anic Studies Association (JIQSA)  
2016-present Advisor of Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), Vanderbilt University  
2016-present Member of University Committee on Religious Affairs (UCRA), Vanderbilt University  
2012-2013 Member of Leaders for Interreligious Understanding, Adyan Foundation and Danmission, Lebanon & Denmark.  
2010-2011 Coordinator of International Partnerships-Islamic Studies Faculty, Damascus University  
2010-2011 Member of the supervision committee of Islamic Finance in Syria  
2010 Al-Waqfiyya Library, Aleppo, Syria  
One month course in editing manuscripts  
2007-2008 American Language Center-Syria  
Series of courses in English Language and public speaking in English.  
2004 The Encyclopedia of Fiqh-Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Egypt participating in the first half of the first volume  
2003 Damascus University - Diploma in Teaching and Pedagogy  
2003 Qasid Institute  
Certification in teaching Arabic to non-native speakers  
2002 Damascus University  
Representative of postgraduate students-Department of Islamic law  
1998 Certification in Quran Memorization

**Prizes and Fellowships:**

2018-2019 Fellow of Junior Faculty Teaching Fellows Program, Vanderbilt University  
2014-Present Senior fellow at Center for Syria Studies, University of St-Andrews  
2013-2015 Visiting fellow of Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago  
2013-2015 Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowship  
2012-2013 Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin  
Post-doctoral fellow of Europe in the Middle East-the Middle East in Europe Program, Corpus Coranicum, Forum Transregionale Studien  
Concentration on Quranic text in the era of late antiquity  
1998-2000 State award for top-ranking student at Damascus University (Faculty of Islamic Law)

**Languages:**

**Arabic, English and Biblical Hebrew**