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## **EDUCATION**

**Yale University**, New Haven, Connecticut

Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Designated Emphasis on Islamic Studies. 2014

Dissertation Title: *We Have Made Clear the Signs - Dalā'il al-Nubūwa: Proofs of Prophecy in Early Hadīth Literature*

M.Phil., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Designated Emphasis on Islamic Studies.  
2012

**University of Leipzig**, Leipzig, Germany. 2008

B.A., Double Major in Arabic Studies and Political Science.

**University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, California 2006-2007

Erasmus Mundus Global Studies Exchange Program.

**American University in Cairo**, Cairo, Egypt. 2003-2004

Study abroad.

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Trinity College**, Hartford, CT

Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Religious Studies, 2016 – present.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Religion, 2014 - 2016.

**Fairfield University**, Fairfield, CT

Affiliate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2014.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

“Scholarship or Folklore? A Comparison of the Earliest Sources of the Sira, ‘Urwa b. al-Zubayr and Wahb b. Munabbih” in: Jamal Elias and Bilal Orfali, *Light upon Light. Essays in Early Islamic Thought in Honor of Gerhard Bowering*, Brill, Leiden, 2019, pp. 3-24.

“*Dalāʿil al-Nubūwa* Literature as Part of the Medieval Scholarly Discourse on Prophecy,” in: *Der Islam*, 95(1), pp. 91-109, 2018.

“Qisas al-Anbiya or the Tales of the Prophets: The Muslim Reception of the Bible” in: Pehlivian, Rauch, Vollandt, *Oriental Bible Manuscripts from the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin*, Wiesbaden, 2016, pp. 158-163.

### Reviews

“Quranic Studies, a political philology? Review of Angelika Neuwirth’s ‘Koranforschung – eine politische Philologie’ ” in: *Review of Qur’anic Research*, 2 No. 5 (July 2016).

Abū Hātim al-Rāzī. *The Proofs of Prophecy. A Parallel English-Arabic text translated, introduced, and annotated by Tarif Khalidi*. Islamic Translation Series. Provo: Brigham Young University Press, 2011, in: *al-Abhath* 60-61 (2012-13), pp. 195-198.

## FORTHCOMING

“The Concept of Prophetic Sunna: Origins and Significance” in: Mustafa Shah, *Oxford Handbook for Hadith Studies*, Oxford University Press (Submitted and accepted in 2017, expected Spring 2022).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“We Have Made Clear the Signs – *Dalāʿil al-Nubūwa* and the Prophetological Discourses Among Early Hadith Scholars,” *Islamic Literatures: Texts and Studies*, (series editors Walid Salih, Roberto Tottoli et.al.), Brill Publishers, Leiden (submitted)

“How did 7<sup>th</sup> century Arabia influence Islam”, in: Edith Szanto, *Islam in 5 Minutes*, Equinox Press. (submitted)

“How have Muslim societies changed over time”, in: Edith Szanto, *Islam in 5 Minutes*, Equinox Press. (submitted)

“Islamic Liberation Theology”, in: Edith Szanto, *Islam in 5 Minutes*, Equinox Press. (submitted)

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Papers

“Hagiography as an Analytical Tool to Studying Discourses beyond Disciplinary Divisions in Islamic Studies,” proposed to the Comparative Hagiology Seminar at the American Academy of Religion, November 2020, (accepted but postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19)

“Epistemological Debates on Prophecy in Early Hadith Literature,” Annual Conference, New England & Canadian Maritimes Region of the American Academy of Religion, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts (March 2019)

“*Dalā’il al-Nubūwa* and the Question of ‘Orthodoxy’,” Workshop: Hadith beyond Law: Considering Islamic Textual Tradition Beyond Fiqh, “Orthodoxy” and “Sectarianism,” Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, (May 2018)

“Studying *Dalā’il al-Nubūwa* as a Discourse”, 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (March 2018)

“The Speaking Wolf and the Mistaken Orientalist – Re-Evaluating an Early Hadith,” 226<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, Massachusetts (March 2016)

“To Be or Not To Be – Epistemological Debates on Prophecy in Early *Ādīth* Literature”, Fourth World Congress for Middle East Studies, Ankara, Turkey. (August 2014, accepted)

“*Dalā’il al-Nubūwa* – Proofs of Prophecy between *Ādīth* and Theology”, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. (October 2013)

“*Dalā’il al-Nubūwa* – Beweise des Prophetentums bei den *Ādīth*-Gelehrten (Proofs of Prophecy among *Ādīth* Scholars)”, 32. Deutscher Orientalistentag (32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the German Oriental Studies Conference), Münster, Germany. (September 2013)

“Scholarship or Folklore? A Comparison of the Earliest Sources on the Prophet’s Life, ‘Urwa b. al-Zubayr and Wahb b. Munabbih,” 223<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland, Oregon. (March 2013)

“Orientalism,” 30. Deutscher Orientalistentag (30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of German Oriental Studies Conference), Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany. (September 2007)

### Panels Organized or Chaired

Chair: *Qisās Outside the Bounds of Qisās al-Anbiyā’*, Islamic Stories of the Prophets: Semantics, Discourse, and Genre, Naples, Italy. (October 2015)

Organizer: *Diversity and Debate in Hadith Scholarship*, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. (October 2013)

Organizer: *Wann ist ein Prophet ein Prophet? Islamische Begründungsdiskurse zum Prophetentum* (What makes a prophet a prophet? Islamic discourses on the legitimization of prophecy), 32. Deutscher Orientalistentag (32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of German Oriental Studies Conference), Münster, Germany. (September 2013)

### **Invited Lectures**

“Women in Islam,” Lecture for Seminar “Building Abrahamic Partnerships,” Hartford Seminary (June 2015)

“The Speaking Wolf and the Mistaken Orientalist – Re-Evaluating an Early *Ōadīth*,” Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations Roundtable, Yale University (April 2014)

“Knowing the Prophet, Proving the Prophet,” Muslim Student Association, Yale University (April 2014)

“Hadith and the Stories of the Prophets in Sufism,” Guest lecture, “Introduction to Sufism,” Fairfield University (April 2014)

“The Significance of the Qur’ān in Law and Practice,” Guest Lecture, “Contemporary Approaches to Islamic Law,” Robert F. Wagner Graduate School for Public Service, New York University (February 2014)

“Wann ist ein Prophet ein Prophet? *Dalā’il al-nubūwa* als Teil der *Ōadīth*-Literatur,” University of Leipzig, Germany. (July 2013)

“*Dalā’il al-Nubūwa*: Proofs of Prophecy in Early *Ōadīth* Literature,” Yale Arabic Colloquium, Yale University. (April 2013)

“The Scholar and the Storyteller – Sources for Miracles in the Biography of the Prophet,” Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations Roundtable, Yale University. (February 2013)

“*Dalā’il al-Nubūwa*: Signs of Prophecy in the Islamic Tradition,” Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations Roundtable, Yale University. (March 2012)

### **Campus Lectures & Events**

“What Happened to ISIS?” Panelist, Panel discussion organized by the Leonard Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, Trinity College (April 2018)

“Salam Neighbor” Organizer, Film screening and panel discussion, Trinity College (April 2017)

“Being Muslim in Trump’s America”, Organizer, panel discussion, Trinity College (April 2017)

“Paris and San Bernardino,” Panelist, Panel discussion organized by the Leonard Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, Trinity College (December 2015)

“A Night of Sufi Music, Dance, and Poetry,” Organizer, Trinity College (November 2015)

“Depictions of Muhammad in the Islamic Tradition” in: “Are you Charlie?: Community Conversation on Freedom of Expression” Panel discussion organized by the Department of Religion, Department of Public Policy and Law, Leonard Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, and the Spiritual and Religious Life Team at Trinity, Trinity College (February 2015)

“Teach-in: Who is ISIS?,” Public Lecture organized by the Department of Religion and the Leonard Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, Trinity College. (November 2014)

### **Community Lectures**

“Introduction to Islam and the Qur’an,” Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, Connecticut (November 2018)

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS**

2018	Early Career Development Fellowship, Trinity College
2014-2015	The Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem (declined)
2013-2014	Yale University Dissertation Fellowship Louis K. and Marie L. Kofsky Scholarship Fund
2013	Theron Rockwell Field Prize, Yale University ❖ University-wide prize awarded for contributions in poetry, literature, or religion. American Oriental Society Graduate Award NELC Alumni Fund
2012-2013	John Spaulding Fellowship, Yale University ❖ Awarded within the department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations based on merit.
2011-2012	Richard J. Franke Fellowship, Yale University ❖ Awarded to students in the humanities based on merit.
2011	Beinecke Pre-Prospectus Summer Fellowship, Beinecke Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, Yale University
2008-2012	Yale Graduate School Fellowship
2006-2007	Erasmus Mundus Global Studies Exchange, U.C. Santa Barbara

### **SERVICE**

2021- present	Trinity College Academic Affairs Committee
2020-2021	Trinity College Jury Pool
2018- present	Faculty Advisor to the Muslim Student Association Human Rights Studies Faculty Advisory Board

2018	Board Member, Trinity Program on Public Values Curriculum Committee, Trinity College (Spring semester)
2015	Academic Advisor, Campaign for Community, Trinity College.
2014 -2018	Muslim Chaplaincy Advisory Group, Trinity College.
2013	NELC Departmental Committee - Student Representative for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Yale University.
2010	Assistant Organizer for the Conference “Conceptualizing Literary History: Foundations of Arabic Literature,” Yale University.
2008-2010	Organizer, Yale Arabic Colloquium. Copyeditor, Klemm, Verena and al-Sha’ar, Nuha (ed.), <i>Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta. Sources and Approaches across Disciplines in Near Eastern Studies. Proceedings of the 24th Congress, Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants, Leipzig 2008, Leuven, 2013.</i>
2007-2008	Assistant Organizer for the 24th Congress of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants at the University of Leipzig, Germany.
2007-2008	Research Assistant, Prof. Verena Klemm, Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Leipzig, Germany.
2006-2007	Research Assistant to Prof. Jörg Gertel, Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Leipzig, Germany.
2005-2006	Student Representative for the Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Leipzig, Germany.

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

2013	Workshop “Muslim Perceptions and Receptions of the Bible”, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
2012	Hadith Intensive, Islamic Center at New York University
2010	Summer Language Study, Dalalah Institute, Damascus, Syria.
2009	Summer Language Study, Yemen Institute for Arabic Language, Sana’a, Yemen.

#### **LANGUAGES**

Arabic (reading fluency in classical and modern Arabic, speaking competence in Egyptian and Levantine dialect)  
 Persian (reading and speaking competence)  
 German (native)  
 English (fluent)  
 French (intermediate reading and speaking proficiency)

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
 American Oriental Society (AOS)  
 Middle East Studies Association (MESA)  
 Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO)

