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EDUCATION

- 2001- PhD, *Islamic Studies*, Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, University of Birmingham, UK. Dissertation: “Muslim Opinions of the Political Rights of Christians: A Case Study of the Lebanese ‘Ulamā’: 1975-1979.
- 1993 - MDiv, Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary
St. Paul, Minnesota
- 1989 - BA, *Cross-Cultural Studies/Middle Eastern Studies*, Capital University
Columbus, Ohio

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2016-present *Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*, The Duncan Black Macdonald Center for Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford International University (formerly Hartford Seminary), Hartford, Connecticut
- 2016-2022 *Academic Dean*, Hartford
- 2007-2016 *Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*, Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2015-2016 *Vice President for Planning, Assessment, and Administration*, LTSP
- 2007-2015 *Director of Graduate Studies*, LTSP
- 2004-2007 *Director of the Center for Middle East Christianity*, Evangelical (Presbyterian) Seminary of Cairo
Cairo, Egypt
- 2003-2007 *Coordinator of Graduate Studies*, ETSC
Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern Christianity / Comparative Religions
Cairo, Egypt
- 2000-2007 *Lecturer in Islamic Studies*, Dar Comboni Institute of Arabic Studies
Cairo, Egypt
- 1999-2003 *Pastor*, St. Andrew’s United Church of Cairo
Cairo, Egypt
- 1998 *Visiting Lecturer in Islamic Studies*, Near East School of Theology
Beirut, Lebanon

Current Academic Research Projects:

An appreciative Christian reading and hearing of the Qur’an. A Christian theological reflection on the opportunities and challenges to Christian spirituality and theology.

Sale’s Qur’an. Examination of the important 1734 “Alcoran of Mohammed.”

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

- Muhammad in the Seminary: American Protestant Teaching about Islam in the Nineteenth Century*. New York: New York University Press, 2024.
- An American Biblical Orientalism: The Construction of Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Nineteenth Century American Evangelical Piety*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress, 2019.
- The contested origins of the 1865 Arabic Bible: Contributions to the nineteenth century Nahḍa*. Leiden: Brill, 2015.
- Piety, Politics and Power: Lutherans Encountering Islam in the Middle East*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2009.
- The Christians of Lebanon: Political Rights in Islamic Law*. London: I.B. Tauris, 2004.

Edited Works:

- 50th Commemoration of the Duncan Black Macdonald Center: The Muslim World*. Special Edition [journal guest editor], *forthcoming*.
- Bibliographic History: Christian-Muslim Relations 1500-1900 (CMR1900)*. Vol. 19, 16, and 12. Leiden: Brill, 2022, 2020, 2018.
- Christian-Muslim Relations during the Pandemics: The Muslim World*. Special Edition [journal guest editor] Vol. 111, issue 4, Autumn 2021.
- More than a cup of coffee and tea: a generation of Lutheran-Muslim relationships*, Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2021.
- The Reformation and Islam: The Muslim World* Special Edition [journal guest editor.] vol. 107, issue 4, October 2017.
- Currents in Theology and Mission: Mark W. Thomsen and God's Cruciform Mission* [Journal guest editor.] January-February 2015.
- Christian-Muslim Relations in the Lutheran and Anglican Communities: Historical Encounters and Contemporary Projects*. Joe Duggan, David D. Grafton, and Jason Craige Harris, eds. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Pivot, 2013.

Chapters of Books:

- “What’s in a name?” In *With the Best of Intentions: Interrogating Interfaith Mistakes*. Lucinda Allen Mosher, Elinor J. Pierce, and Or Rose, eds. Maryknoll, NY.: Orbis Books, 2023. 12-17.
- “The Americas.” In *Christian-Muslim Relations: Primary Sources, 1700-1914*. vol. 3. Clinton Bennett, ed. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2023. 365-8.
- “Interesting, Varied, and Messy Lives: A People’s History of Christian-Muslim Relations.” In *Georgetown Companion to Interreligious Studies*. Lucinda Mosher, ed. Georgetown University Press, 2022. 232-42.
- “Protestants.” In *The Rowman & Littlefield Handbook of Christianity in the Middle East*. Mark Lamport and Mitri Raheb, eds. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2021. 316-30.

- “Introduction: North America.” In *Bibliographic History: Christian-Muslim Relations*. Vol. 16. David Thomas and John Chesworth, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2020, 3-17.
- “Religious Minorities in the diversity of Islamic Thought.” In *Routledge Handbook of Minorities in the Middle East 2017*. Paul Rowe, ed. New York: Routledge, 2018: 1934.
- “Christians and Muslims in the Americas.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Christian-Muslim Relations*. David Thomas, ed. New York: Routledge, 2018: 402-412.
- “Enforced migration: An Atlantic narrative in Christian-Muslim Relations.” In *Bibliographic History: Christian-Muslim Relations*. Vol. 11. David Thomas and John Chesworth, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2017: 49-67.
- “He Ascended into Heaven: Samuel Zwemer’s critique of the Ascension and Return of Jesus in the Day of Judgment in Islam.” In *Jesus and the Resurrection: Reflections from Christians in Islamic Contexts*. David Singh, ed. Oxford: Regnum Books, 2014: 7999.
- “The Death of Christ on a Cross: A 19th Century Lutheran-CMS Missionary Pamphlet.” In Joe Duggan and David D. Grafton, eds. *Muslim-Christian Relations in the Lutheran and Anglican Communities: Historical Encounters and Contemporary Projects*. Palgrave Pivot: Basingstoke, UK, 2013: 21-39.
- “Violence and the Perception of the Other.” In *Making Peace With the World: The Role of the Gülen Movement in the Task of Eco-Justice* by Heon Kim and John Raines, eds. Newcastle On Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012: 19-30.
- “The Word Made Book – Translating the Van Dyck Arabic Translation of the Bible and Arab Christian views of *wahy*.” In *Jesus and the Incarnation: Reflection of Christians from Islamic Contexts*. David Singh, ed. Oxford: Regnum Books, 2011: 79-95.
- “Northern Africa.” *The Atlas of Global Christianity*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009: 122-124.
- “Let the Feasting Begin.” In *Opening the Gifts of Christmas: Practicing the Angelic Gifts of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Love*. Jennifer Basye Sander and Famie C. Miller, eds. Kansas City: Andrew McMeel Pub. 2005.

Published Articles:

- “Lutherans and Muslims: listening for the sake of clarity.” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*. Forthcoming.
- “[“But what if they lose their faith?”: creating appreciative multifaith seminary classrooms,](#)” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (August/September 2023).
- “Muslim-Christian Relations in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *The Muslim World*, vol. 111, issue 4 (Autumn 2021): 563-572.
- “[Are We Really a Public Church? Ministry in a Multi-Faith North America,](#)” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, June 2018.
- “[Public Ministry in Multi-Faith Contexts: What It Is Not, What It Is and What It Requires of Religious Leaders,](#)” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, June 2018.
- “Expansion and Imperial politics: Renewal and Reform across borders.” *The Muslim World: The Reformation and Islam*, vol. 107, issue 4 (October 2017): 611-620.
- “Martin Luther’s sources on the Turk and Islam in the midst of fear of Ottoman imperialism.” *The Muslim World: The Reformation and Islam*, vol. 107, issue 4 (October 2017): 665-683.
- “Making Room at the Table: Lutheran Ministry in a Religiously Plural America,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* vol. 56, issue 3 (September 2017): 310-320.

- “Christian Ministry within a Religiously Plural America: The Importance of Christian-Muslim Relations within Theological Education,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 1 (January-February 2015): 50-8.
- “The Identity and Witness of Arab Pre-Islamic Arab Christianity: The Arabic Language and the Bible,” *HTS Teologiese Studie/Theological Studies* (Vol 70, No 1 (2014).
- “Apples to Apples or Apples to Dates? The Muslim critique of Christian Scriptures,” and “Conquest and Violence: The Christian critique of Muḥammad,” *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology* 35:1 (2014).
- “For God and *which* Country?: Lutheran Pietists and their role in the 19th Century Anglican Mission Societies in the midst of the “Eastern Question”, 1825-1898. *Aram* 25 (2013): 43-65.
- “The Politics of Pre-Islamic Arab Christianity in Contemporary Western Scholarship,” *Theological Review* vol. 34, no. 1 (April 2013): 3-21.
- “The Arab *Shaykh*: authority in Christian and Muslim communities, and questions of socialpolitical reform.” *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 23:1 (January 2012): 19-30.
- “German Lutherans and Assimilation: Lessons in the Current Atmosphere of Islamophobia,” *The Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (May/June 2011).
- “Defining the term *Jihād* in the Arabic New Testament: Contested Arab Christian Identity Within the contemporary Islamic environment of the Middle East.” *Islam and Christian Muslim Relations* 22:3 (July 2011): 235-48.
- “Reading Their Book of Faith: North American Muslims and their Interpretations of the Qur’an in the Post 9/11 Era,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 48/3 (Fall 2009): 257-66.
- “The Arabs of Pentecost: Greco-Roman Views of the Arabs and their Cultural Identity.” *Theological Review* 30/2 (2009): 183-201.
- “‘The Arabs’ in the Ecclesiastical Historians of the 4th/5th Centuries: The Effects on Contemporary Christian-Muslim Relations. ” *HTS Teologiese Studie/Theological Studies* 64/1 (2008): 177-92.
- “An Early American Lutheran Perspective of Islam: Lewis Eichelberger and his Sources.” *Journal of the Lutheran Historical Conference*. Proceedings of the 2008 Lutheran Historical Conference, Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, October 11-14, 2008. 181-196.
- “Ion Keith-Falconer, Scholar-Missionary to Arabia: an appraisal of a method from the 19th century to Post 9/11.” *Bulletin of Missionary Research*. 31, no. 3 (July 2007): 148-152.
- “Coptic Church.” In *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*. New York: Routledge, 2006.
- “Is it time for a new Mission Paradigm in the *Pax Americana*?” *Cross-Currents in Theology*, Lutheran School of Theology 32:5 (October 2005): 348-354.
- “A Survey of the Use of Scripture in the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” *Word & World* 24:1 (Winter 2004): 29-39.
- “The ‘*asabiya* of African-American Muslims and an American Christian Response,” *Missiology: An International Review*, vol. XXXI, no. 4 (October) 2003: 449-458.
- “The ‘Religious Secularism’ of Lebanon and the United States: A discussion between Lebanon’s Secular debate and Madison’s principles of Pluralism,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (Fall 2002): 31-57.
- “Eyes Turn to the East,” *The Lutheran*, January 2002.
- “Pilgrims Progress,” *The Lutheran*, April 2000.

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George Bush, *Life of Mohamed*, 391-4

The Life of Omar ben Saeed, called Morro, a Fullah Slave, in Fayetteville, N.C., 394-6

Washington Irving, *The Life of Mahomet*, 396-400

Henry Jessup, *Mohammedan Missionary Problem*, 413-7

Nicholas Said, *The Autobiography of Nicholas Said a native of Bornou, Eastern Sodan*, 422-5

Henry Preserved Smith, *The Bible and Islam*, 431-4

Samuel M. Zwemer, *Moslem Doctrine of God*, 434-7

“Martin Luther, Preface to the Qur’ān.” In *Christian-Muslim Relations: Primary Sources 1500–1700*, vol. 2. Martha Frederiks, ed. London: Bloomsbury, 2023. 179-82.

“Egypt,” *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 3rd ed., Todd M. Johnson and Gina A. Zurlo, eds. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020), 263-267.

Various entries in *Biographical Dictionary: Christian Muslim Relations 1500-1900*. [Online: [CMR II](#)]

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Sigismund Willhelm Koelle, 244-9

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Archibald Alexander: *Abrief outline of the evidences of the Christian religion*, 93-7

George Bowen: *Life of Mohammad*, 185-9

Josiah Brewer: *A Residence at Constantinople*, 108-12

George Bush: *The Life of Mohammed*, 118-24

Lewis Eichelberger: “By What Arguments,” 103-7

Cyrus Hamlin, *The Oriental Churches and Mohammedans*, 320-6

John Hayward: *Book of Religions*, 157-60

Samuel Henry Kellogg: *A Handbook of Comparative Religions*, 352-6

Washington Irving: *The life of Mahomet. Mahomet and his successors*, 164-73

James Lymann Merrick: *The Life and Religion of Mohammed*, 174-9

William Ambrose Shedd: *Islam and the Oriental Churches*, 364-70

Eli Smith: *Missionary Sermons and Addresses*, 125-33

Henry Preserved Smith: *The Bible and Islam*, 337-44

Samuel Zwemer: various works, 433-54

Vol. 12, “Asia, Africa and the Americas” (1700-1800), 2018

Johann Heinrich Michaelis: *Sonderbarer Lebesn-Lauff Herrn Peter Heylings aus Lübec*, 772-6

Vol. 10, “Northern and Southern Europe” (1600-1700), 2016

Johan Michael Wansleben: *Nouvelle relation en forme de journal, d’un voyage fait en Egypte* 411-16

[“Van Dyck Bible,”](#) *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, 2017.

Online and Virtual presentations:

- [New Books Network Podcast, “Muhammad in the Seminary,”](#) hosted by Morteza Hajizadeh, 2025.
- “Luther and Islam,” The Kessler Conversations 2021, Pitts Theological Library, Candler School of Theology, October 20, 2021.
- “Christians and Muslims Together,” The Seminary Explores Podcasts, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, October 11, 2021.
- Book Talk – [What is an American Biblical Orientalism, and why does it matter?](#), April 2020.
- “Christian-Muslim Relations with Dr. Grafton,” on *2baldpastors.com*, episode 64, June 2018. (No longer available)
- [“Walking along the Margins: Reflections on the contested imperatives of Jihād and Mission among Christian and Muslim Communities.”](#) October 2016.
- David D. Grafton LTSP blog posts [<http://ltsp.edu/DavidGrafton>] (No longer available)
- [“A Critical investigation into the Manuscripts: of the “so-called” Van Dyck Bible,”](#) *Cairo Journal of Theology* 2 (2015): 56-64.
- [“Coptic-State Relations: Looking Back to Look Forward,”](#) *Cairo Journal of Theology* 1 (2014).
- “American Muslims,” *The Lutheran*, January 2013.
- [“The Youth Revolution in Egypt and the Church’s Response,”](#) *The Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 11, no. 2 (March/April 2011).
- “Searching for the truth in the Da Vinci Code,” *The Lutheran Magazine*, June 2006.
- “Considering Donkeys,” *The Lutheran*, March 2005. (No longer available)
- “Din wa Dawla: Egyptian Views of American Secularism,” *Association of American Muslim Social Scientists*, September 2004. (No longer available)
- “A Place of Pilgrimage.” Sermon for the sixth week of Lent (March, 2004). (No longer available)
- “Views from Cairo,” A Time of War. A ten-day reflection on the beginning of the Iraq War for *The Lutheran*, March 20 - April 1, 2003. (No longer available)

Book Reviews:

- Neighbors: Christians and Muslims Building Community*, Deanna Ferree Womack (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2020), *The Muslim World* 113, Issue 4 (Autumn 2023), 469-470.
- Muslim-Christian Relations in Damascus amid the 1860 Riot*, Rana Abu-Mounes (Leiden: Brill 2022), *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 34, no. 4 (2023), 403–407.
- Writing the History of Mount Lebanon: Church Historians and Maronite Identity*, Mouannes Hojairi. Cairo, Egypt: AUC Press, 2021, *The Muslim World*, 113, Issue 3 (Summer 2023), 355-357.
- [A Christian-Muslim Comparative Theology of Saints](#), Hans Harmakaputra (Leiden: Brill, 2022), *Dialog*, Volume 61, Issue 4 (Winter 2022), .
- [Christians under the Crescent and Muslims under the Cross c.630–1923](#), Luigi Andrea Berto (New York: Routledge, 2020): *Journal of Church and State* (10 June 2022).
- [Muslim Perceptions and Receptions of the Bible: Texts and Studies](#), Camilla Adang and Sabine Schmidtke (Atlanta GA, Lockwood Press, 2019): *Islam and Christian Muslim Relations*, Vol. 33, no. 2 (2022), 4.
- The History of Christian-Muslim Relations* 2nd ed., Hugh Goddard (Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press, 2020): *Journal of Interreligious Studies* 30/30 (2020), 80-81.
- [Christian Engagement with Islam: Ecumenical Journeys since 1910](#), Douglas Pratt (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2017): *Anglican Theological Review*, Vol. 102, No 3 (Summer 2020).
- The Political Lives of Saints: Christian-Muslim Mediation in Egypt*, Angie Heo (Oakland CA: University of California Press, 2018): forthcoming, *The Muslim World*, 10 (Spring 2020), 227-

- The Community of Believers: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, Lucinda Mosher and David Marshall eds. (Georgetown University Press, Washington D.C., 2015), *The Muslim World* 10 (Spring 2020), 225-6.
- Sacred Misinterpretation: Reaching across the Christian-Muslim Divide*, Martin Accad (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2019), *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 74/2 (2020): 225-227.
- Christian Exegesis of the Qur'ān: a Critical Analysis of the Apologetic Use of the Qur'ān in Select Medieval and Contemporary Arabic Texts*, J. Scott Bridger (Cambridge, United Kingdom: James Clark & Co., 2016), *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 138/3 (2019): 882-883.
- Minorities and the Modern Arab World*. Laura Robson, ed. (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2016); *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* vol. 28, no. 3 (April 2017): 406-407.
- Muslim-Christian Relations in Late Ottoman Palestine*. Erik Reas (London: IB Tauris, 2016); *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* vol. 28, no. 1 (January 2017): 112-114.
- Translating the Bible into Arabic: Historical, Text-Critical and Literary Aspects*. Sara Binay and Stefan Leder, eds. (Beirut: Orient-Institut, 2012); *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135 no 2 (Apr - Jun 2015): 401-403.
- Old Islam in Detroit. Rediscovering the Muslim American Past*. Sally Howell (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 26 no. 4 (Oct 2015): 526-527. *The Qur'an in Christian-Muslim dialogue: historical and modern interpretation*. C.J. Block (New York: Routledge, 2013). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 26 no. 1 (Jan 2015): 107-109.
- The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*. Julianne Hammer & Omid Safi, eds. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* vol 25, no. 4 (Oct 2014): 546-547.
- Conflict, Conquest, and Conversion*. Eleanor H. Tejirian and Reeva Spector Simon. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012); *Church History* 83 no 2 (Jun 2014): 446-448.
- Hindiyya, Mystic and Criminal, 172-1798: A Political and Religious Crisis in Lebanon*. Bernard Heyberger. Translated by Renée Champion. (Cambridge: James Clarke & Co., 2013); *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 (2014): 397-399.
- Embracing the Divine: Passion and Politics in the Christian Middle East*. Akram Fouad Khater. (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2011); *The Historian*, 75, no. 3 (2013), 548-49.
- The Coptic Papacy in Islamic Egypt 641-1517*. Mark N. Swanson. (New York: The American University in Cairo Press, 2010); *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 35, Issue 1 (Jan 2011), 52.
- Humanity Before God: Contemporary Faces of Jewish, Christian and Islamic Ethics*. William Schweiker, Michael A. Johnson and Kevin Jung, eds. (Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress Press, 2006); *Currents in Theology and Mission* 37 no 1 (F 2010), 49.
- A Common Word: Muslims and Christians on Loving God and Neighbor*. Miroslav Volf, Ghazi bin Muhammad, and Melissa Yarrington. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans, 2010); *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 45, No. 2 (Spring 2010): 315.
- That All May Believe: A Theology of the Gospel and the Mission of the Church*. Carl E. Braaten. (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, 2008); *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 64, no. 2 (April 2010): 216-218.
- The Theology of Tariq Ramadan: A Catholic Perspective*. Gregory Baum. (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2009); *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 45, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 149.
- Torture is a Moral Issue: Christians, Jews, Muslims and People of Conscience Speak Out*. George Hunsinger, ed. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans, 2008); *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 36 no 4 (Ag 2009), 298-299.
- Islam and the Secular State: Negotiating the Future of Shari'a*. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2008); *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 43:4 (Fall, 2008): 631-2.

The Wrath of Jonah. Rosemary Radford Ruether and Herman J. Ruether (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002); *Hervormde Theological Studies Journal* 62:2, 2006.

Following Muhammad: Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World. Carl W. Ernst (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003); *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 73, no. 2, 2005.

The Everlasting Hatred: The Roots of Jihad. Hal Lindsay (Murrieta: Oracle Pub. House, 2003); *Word & World* 24:1 (Winter) 2004.

Islam, Modernism and the West. Gema Martín Muñoz, ed. (London: IB Tauris, 1999); *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 13:2, 2002.

Political Islam and the United States. Maria Do Céu Pinto (Reading, UK: Ithaca Press, 1999); *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 12:4, 2001.

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Islam. Jamal J. Elias (London: Routledge, 1999); *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 10:3, 2000.

ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT

CH-520 *Scripture and Theology in Spiritual Care Practice*, HIU

HI-523 *A Global History of Christianity*, HIU

HI-532 *Contemporary World Christianity*, HIU

HI-539 *Interrogating Abraham: Examining Intersections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, HIU

HI-619 *Muslim-Christian conflict or cooperation: The politics of interpreting our shared past*, HIU

HI-613 *Christians on the Edge of Empire: Christians of the Middle East*, HIU

HI-653 *Luther, the Jews and the Turk: The Reformation in Interfaith Contexts*, HIU

PhD-900/901 *Research Methodology and Scholarly Development*, HIU

PhD-906/907 *Methodological Studies in Jewish, Christian, Muslim Relations*, HIU SC-634 *Major Themes of the Bible and Qur'an*, HIU

TH-513 *Faiths as Formal Realities: Portraying and Describing God* (in Judaism, Christian, and Islam), HIU

TH-631 *Theological Issues in Christian-Muslim Relations*, Hartford Seminary (now as HIU)

BBT570 *Fortunes of Zion: American Christianity, the Bible and the Middle East* (Team taught with Dr. Wilda Gafney), LTSP

HCH235 *Christians on the Edge of Empire: The Communities and Theologies of Non-Chalcedonian Christians* (Team taught with Dr. Jayakiran Sebastian), LTSP

HCH336 *Christian-Muslim Engagement in North America*, LTSP

HCH 335 *Jesus and the Bible in Islam*, LTSP

HCH676G *Theological Issues in the History of Christian-Muslim Relations*, LTSP

HCH678G *Children of Abraham: Explorations in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations*, LTSP

HCH860G *Postcolonialism and the Church: Orientalism, Occidentalism, and Mission*, LTSP

SDM710G *DMin Collegial Seminar*, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

CH 581 *Middle East Christianity I – Origins to the Rise of Islam*, Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt.

CH 582 *Middle East Christianity II – From the Rise of Islam to 1800*, ETSC

CH 583 *Middle East Christianity III – From 1800 to the Present*, ETSC

NT 389 *The Bible in Christian-Muslim Encounter*, ETSC

Inter-Faith Dialogue, Dar Comboni Institute of Arabic Studies, Cairo, Egypt

Contemporary Islam in Middle East and North Africa, Dar Comboni; Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon.

ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“American Religious Darwinism: Teaching Islam in American Protestant Seminaries during the Gilded Age”? Boston College. February 25, 2025.

“New Approaches to Middle Eastern Christianity, Missions, and American-Muslim Relations” The American Society of Church History. Chicago, January 5, 2025

“Beyond Lutheran theological neutrality: Lutherans and Muslims: beyond simple theological formulae and into faithful living,” Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Program Unit of the AAR. San Diego, CA. November 2024

Workshop on Christian-Muslim relations and dialogue, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and Zanzibar District. Zanzibar, Tanzania. March 6-8, 2024.

“The Prophet and Bahira the monk - monks and merchants: explorations in the history of the Church in pre-Islamic Arabic Church in Eastern Africa.” St. Paul’s University, School of Theology, Nairobi, Kenya, March 4, 2024.

“Kebra Nagast: The Ethiopic Tradition of Sheba and Solomon.” Hartford International University. September 30, 2022

“Luther Legacy: Luther and Islam: A further exploration of the 16th-century Reformer’s troubled relationship with non-Christian communities.” Martin Luther University College, Waterloo, Canada. June 15, 2022.

“Islamophobia in the Church: The responsibility of the dominant culture,” ELCA - New England Synod Convocation, 18-19 November 2019

“Between Egypt and the Egyptian Diaspora: The Changing Contours of Coptic Studies”: Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 14-17, 2019

“Commemoration of the Fall 2017 The Muslim World special issue: *The Protestant Reformation and Islam*,” with Dr. Umar Ryad (Leuven, Belgium), Hartford Seminary, 24 January 2018.

“Looking for the essential Muslim: A critique of common Interfaith engagement and a proposal for Particular Intercommunal Christian-Muslim Relations from below,” *The Christian-Muslim Studies Network Conference*, University of Edinburgh, 4 September 2017.

“Discerning Information about Muslims and Islam in a Polarized America: Resources for Congregations,” New England Synod Lay School of Theology, 14 October 2017, Manchester, CT.

“Christianity in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA): social-political communities and the modern Middle East,” Georgetown University, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, 22 April 2017.

“Exotic Images of Late Ottoman Palestine: The beginnings of an American Biblical Orientalism,” *American and Muslim Worlds circa 1500-1900 Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 31 March 2017.

“Qur’anic recitation or soccer practice? The challenges and opportunities for Muslim religious leaders in American civil society.” Respect Graduate School, Bethlehem, PA. 25 February 2017.

“Walking along the Margins: Reflections on the contested imperatives of Jihād and Mission among Christian and Muslim Communities,” *Hartford Seminary*. November 2, 2016. “Lutheran Ministry in a Religiously Plural Context,” *SEPA Bishop’s Convocation*, October 17, 2016.

“Christian-Muslim Relations in North America,” *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*, Scholar-inResidence Program, 9-16 October, 2016.

“Countering Violent Extremism: A conversation about conflict, religions and building communities of peace.” Panel Discussion. *LTSP*. April 3, 2016.

“Religion and Identity in the Middle East: the rise of Islamic radicalism,” Five-week Adult Learning Series, *LTSP*, March-April 2016.

“The ideal *Ummah* and the real *Tawa’if*: The Plurality of American Muslim Communities and Christian-Muslim Relations in North America.” Presentation at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 27 January 2015.

“Americans, the Bible and the Middle East.” Five week Adult Learning Series, *LTSP*, JanuaryFebruary

2015.

- "Christian-Muslim Relations: Tension Points and their Opportunity for Dialogue," Middle Eastern Dialogue Symposium, *Dialogue Institute, Temple University*, 17 March 2014.
- "What do you say of Muḥammad? Christian-Muslim Relations and Islamic Studies in a Lutheran Seminary?" Region VII ELCA Bishops Conference, 15 March 2014.
- "Middle Eastern Christians — betwixt and between." Response to AAR Middle Eastern Christianity Group Panel. American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, 23 November 2013.
- "Apples to Apples or Apples to Dates? The Muslim critique of Christian Scriptures," "Conquest and Violence: The Christian critique of Muḥammad," "Location, Location, Location: Christian-Muslim Relations in Context." Keynote Lecturer on Christian-Muslim Relations for the 2013 Lutheran Seminary at Saskatoon, Canada, Saskatoon, Canada, 9-10 May 2013.
- "*Ishmael, the founder of their nation...*: The politics of pre-Islamic Arab Christianity in Contemporary Western Scholarship," The Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, 24 January 2013.
- "The Death of Christ on a Cross": A 19th Century Lutheran-CMS Missionary Pamphlet: from Published Tracts to the Internet and Social Networking Sites," Society of Anglican-Lutheran Theologians, San Francisco 17-18 November 2011.
- "For God and *which* Country?: Lutheran Pietists and their role in the 19th Century Anglican Mission Societies in the midst of the "Eastern Question", 1825-1898, Aram Conference: Western Missions in the Levant, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 18-20 July 2011.
- "Religion and Identity in the Middle East," Scholar-in-Residence at St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville PA, March 5-6, 2011.
- "Social Discontent in Egypt and the Middle East," Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, and LTSP Public Presentation, February 15 and 18, 2011.
- "[The Bible and Qur'ān as Scripture 1: A Comparative Approach](#)," and "[The Bible and Qur'ān as Scripture 2: Lutheran Exegetical and Sunni Tafsir Principles](#)," LTSP Fall Forum, November 8th, 2010.
- "Violence and the Perception of the Other." *Making Peace with the World: The Role of the Gülen Movement in the Task of Eco-Justice*, Temple University, November 4th, 2010
[<http://www.fgulenconference.org/Welcome.html>].
- "North American Images of Muslims," New Jersey Synod Assembly, May 8, 2010. "Contested Arab Christian Identity within the contemporary Islamic environment of the Middle East: Redefining the term *Jihād* in the Arabic New Testament." *American Academy of Religion*. Montreal, Canada, November 7-10, 2009.
- "Revising the 1865 Van Dyck Arabic Bible? Struggles with issues of *wahy* and communal identity in the Middle East." *Cambridge Symposium on Middle Eastern Studies: Knowledge and Language in Middle Eastern Societies*. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, October 18-19, 2008.
- "An Early American Orientalist Lutheran Perspective of Islam: Lewis Eichelberger and his Sources." *2008 Lutheran Historical Conference*. Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, October 11-14, 2008.
- "North American Christians and Islam," Seven Session Series at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, April, 2008.
- "Religion and Identity in the Middle East: How do we Americans make sense of things?" Scholar-in-Residence at Reformation Lutheran Church, Media, PA, March 8-9, 2008.
- "The 1928 International Missionary Conference in Jerusalem: Lessons for Christian-Muslim Relations Today," Northeast Region Spring Meeting, Evangelical Missiological Society, February 23, 2008.
- "The Arabs" in the Ecclesiastical Historians of the 4th/5th Centuries: The Effects on Contemporary Christian-Muslim Relations." Public Convocation Lecture, The Lutheran Theological

- Seminary in Philadelphia, May 7, 2007.
- “The Arabs of Pentecost: Greco-Roman Views of the Arabs and Cultural Identity.” Public Lecture for the Center of Middle East Christianity, Cairo, Egypt, 1 May 2006.
- “Theological Challenges in Christian-Muslim Relations.” Four-day seminar of the Sudanese Council of Churches, Khartoum, Sudan, 24-28 April 2006.
- “American Cultural Roots of Christian Zionism.” Fellowship of Middle East Council of Churches, Amana, Jordan, 31 March 2006.
- “The Book of Revelation within the Arab Political and Cultural Context.” Paper presented (*in abstentia*) Dar al-Thaqafa Conference, Alexandria, Egypt, 22 November 2005. *لبيان و دور الكنيسة في المجتمع العربي* [The Identity and Role of the Church in Arab Society], Evangelical Theological Synod of the Nile Pastor’s Continuing Education Conference, March 23, 2005.
- “Din wa Dawla: Egyptian Views of American Secularism.” 33rd Annual Conference of Association of American Muslim Social Scientists, George Mason University, September 24-26, 2004.
- “The Self-Perception of America and the American role in the Middle East, in light of Scripture.” Evangelical Theological Seminary, January 22, 2004.
- “Israel/Palestine and the Biblical Hermeneutics of American Christians.” Evangelical Theological Seminary, October 14, 2003.
- “The Exodus in our Faith Tradition.” Three lectures and site visit to sites in the Sinai. Included, “*Pilgrimage in the Christian Tradition: Egeria’s 4th Century Experience*,” “*Description of Ascent and Sites of Jebel Musa*,” “*The Monastery of St. Catherine’s as a Christian Holy Site*,” and “*The ‘Secularization’ of the Pilgrimage*,” October 25-26, 2002.
- “Western Missions in the Middle East in the 19th Century (An Historical, Theological and Practical Perspective).” Middle East Mission Personnel of the Scottish Presbyterian Church, Cairo, Egypt, Fall 2000.
- “The ‘*Asabiyah* of African-American Muslims and an American Christian Response.” Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, December 1998.
- “*Dhimmi’s ‘wielding the sceptre’*: Christians in the government under the Umayyads and ‘Abbasids (661-850).” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Selly Oak, England, July 1998.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS:

- American Society of Church History*, 2025
- American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2005.
- Middle East Studies Association*, 2021, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2019.
- Christian-Muslim Studies Network*, 2019, 2017.
- American and Muslim Worlds*, University of Pennsylvania. March 30 – April 1, 2017.
- Spring Conference*, The Lutheran Theological Seminary of Saskatoon, Canada, 7-10 May 2013.
- Conference for Graduate School Program Directors and Deans*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology & Religion, 30 September-2 October 2012.
- Society of Anglican-Lutheran Theologians*, San Francisco 17-18 November 2011.
- Aram Conference: Western Missions in the Levant*, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 18-20 July 2011.
- Making Peace with the World: The Role of the Gülen Movement in the Task of Eco-Justice*, Temple University, November 4th, 2010.
- International Symposium On Islam, Salvation, And The Fate Of Others*, The University Of Illinois, April 16-17, 2010.
- 2008 Lutheran Historical Conference*. Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, October 11-14, 2008.
- Northeast Region Spring Meeting*, Evangelical Missiological Society, February 23, 2008.
- Cambridge Symposium on Middle Eastern Studies: Knowledge and Language in Middle Eastern Societies*. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, October 18-19, 2008.

33rd Annual Conference of Association of American Muslim Social Scientists, George Mason University, September 24-26, 2004.

The Third Woodbrooke-Mingana Symposium on Arab Christianity and Islam, Woodbrooke, Birmingham, UK, 7-9 September 1998.

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Conference, Selly Oak, England, July 1998.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Associate Editor, *The Muslim World* (Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut)

International Editorial Advisor, *Hervormde Theological Studies Journal* (University of Pretoria, South Africa) and *AOSIS OpenBooks Press* (University of Pretoria, South Africa)

American Academy of Religion, (past-steering committee member) Middle Eastern Christianity Steering Committee

Middle East Studies Association

Modern Egyptian Studies Forum

GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

“Arab Christianity”

“Biblical Characters in the Qur’ān”

“Christianity of the ‘Middle East’”

“Introduction to Islam”

“Islamic Views of Jesus and Christians”

“Muslim Communities in America”

“Muslim-Christian Dialogue”

“North American Christians and Islam”

“Religion and Identity in the Middle East”

“The Rise of Islamic Radicalism”

“Women of the Bible in the Qur’ān”

LANGUAGES:

Arabic (Reading, research, and conversation)

French (Reading and research)

Greek (Reading and research)

Hebrew (Research ability)

GUIDED & EXAMINED PhD DISSERTATIONS, MASTERS THESES, DMIN PROJECTS

“Indonesian Islam and the Other: Muhammadiyah and Nahdlatul Ulama views of Christianity in the Twenty-First Century Indonesia,” PhD Dissertation. Muhammad Afdillah, 2025, HIU.

“An analysis of Georgius De Hungaria's Tractatus de moribus, conductionibus et nequicia Turcarum from the perspective of his "social logic of the text," his "Shame-Praising" attitude and his "Double Shame-Praising" attitude,” PhD Dissertation. Server Koray Er, 2024, HIU.

“The Emergence of the Evangelical Egyptians: a historical study of the Evangelical-Coptic encounter and conversion in late Ottoman Egypt, 1854-1878,” PhD Dissertation. Ramy Nair Marcos, 2022, HIU.

“A Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Şeyhülİslam: Zekerıyyazade Yahya Efendi’s contributions to İjāratayn and Ottoman land tenure,” PhD Dissertation. Okan Dogan, 2022, HIU. “An Islamic Approach to the Environment.” MA Thesis. Sabit Er, 2021, HIU.

“Making Sense of the Divine: An Examination of the African Independent Churches’ Symbolic Theology as Embodied in their use of Old Testament Architecture, Sacred Spaces, Sacred Objects and Symbols.” PhD Dissertation. Humphrey Akogyeram, 2017, LTSP.

“Christians and Muslims in Interfaith living: A look at how religion defines cultural values.” DMin. Canon William E. Schwartz, 2013, Nashota House.

“In Search Of The *Imago Dei*: Just War and 21st Century Islamic Radicalism,” DMin. Wylie W. Johnson, 2010, LTSP.

“The Effects of Christian Zionism on the Theological Views and Biblical Hermeneutics of the Egyptian Presbyterian Church in 1967,” MATS. Medhat S. Shaker, 2007, ETSC.

“Re-Introducing the First Asian Missionary Church to China: The Assyrian Church of the East,” MATS. Esther D. Pan, 2007, ETSC

“Copts Under British Rule: The role of Coptic-Muslim Relations under British occupation, 1882-1936,” MATS. Benjamin Robinson, 2006, ETSC.

“The Patriarchal Narratives of Genesis: A Palestinian Interpretation for Reconciliation,” MATS. Niveen Ibrahim Saras, 2005, ETSC.

“The American Presbyterian Mission to Egypt: Its Reception by Egyptians,” MATS. Tharwat Waheeb, 2003, ETSC.

PEDAGOGICAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

“Online Learning Assessment Strategies,” *Online Learning Consortium*, 10-16 June, 2024

“Engaging Learners in Online Discussions,” *Online Learning Consortium*, 9-15 March, 2020.

“Creating Rubrics,” *Online Learning Consortium*, 10-13 July, 2019

“Fundamentals: Engaging Learners In Online Discussions” Workshop, *Online Learning Consortium*, Feb. 5 - 11, 2018.

“Exploring Interactive Video Tools” Workshop, *Online Learning Consortium*, October 26 - 28, 2016. Online Teaching Seminars, Educational Technologist Alexandra Reid, Fall, and Spring Semesters, 2015-2016.

Workshop on *Teaching Reflectively in Theological Contexts: Promises and Contradictions*, with Dr. Mary Hess, LTSP, Feb. 2015.

“Developing a Holistic Academic environment for International Students in a Seminary Graduate Program: Cross Cultural Advising, Support, and Classroom Pedagogy,” March 2009 – October 2010. (Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion)

ECCLESIASTICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2016-present – Rostered Minister of the New England Synod of the ELCA

2013-2016 – Administrative Representative to the Bishop of South East PA Synod, ELCA to the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia

2012-2016 - LTSP Faculty Representative to the North East Pennsylvania ELCA Candidacy Committee

2008-2010 – LTSP Faculty Representative to the Upstate New York ELCA Candidacy Committee, Syracuse, NY

2003-2007 - Board Member of the Evangelical (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary in Cairo
1999-2007 – Long Term Personnel of the Unit of Global Mission of the ELCA, Cairo, Egypt
1997-1998 – Associate Personnel of the Unit of Global Mission of the ELCA, Birmingham, England
1994-1997 - New Jersey Synod Advisory Committee on Ecumenical/Inter-Faith Matters
1994-present - Ordained Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Rostered Minister of
the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA