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~Education

- 2003-2009 **Duke University, Department of Religion**—*Durham, NC*
- Ph.D. Candidate in Islamic Studies
 - Dissertation: *The Qur'an After Babel—Qur'an Translation and the Vernacularization of Islam in late Ottoman and modern Turkey*, Advisor: Bruce B. Lawrence
- 2006 **Harvard University - Koç University**—*Ayvalık, Turkey*
- Ottoman Turkish Summer School
- 2002 **International Language Institute**—*Cairo, Egypt*
- Modern Standard Arabic and Colloquial Egyptian Arabic (2002)
- 1999-2000 **Bosphorus University (Boğaziçi Üniversitesi)**—*Istanbul, Turkey*
- Junior year abroad in the History Department studying late Ottoman and modern Turkish history
- 1997-2001 **Honors College at the University of South Carolina**—*Columbia, SC*
- B.A. Religious Studies, South Carolina Honors College, *Magna Cum Laude* (2001)
 - Honors thesis: "Jewish-Turkish Relations and Zionism in the Ottoman Empire"
- Research Interests:** Qur'anic Studies, Islam in the Ottoman Empire, Egypt, and Turkey; Translation Studies, Islamicate print history, Islamicate conceptions of vernacular and cosmopolitan

~Publications and work-in-progress

- "The Failure of Nomenclature: 'Orthodoxy' and the Definition of Islam." *Comparative Islamic Studies*, Forthcoming 2009.
- "Vanquishing Babel, Resisting Leviathan: Turkish Translations of the Qur'an from Support to Subversion (1924-1938)." *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, (under review).
- "Women, Gender, and Women's Religious Education: Turkey." in *Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures, Volume IV: Economics, Education, Mobility and Space*, ed. Suad Joseph (Leiden: Brill, 2006), 353-354.
- Currently translating the controversial novel *Nur Baba* (1921) by Yakup Kadri Karaosmanoğlu, the story of a scandal-ridden Sufi lodge in late Ottoman Istanbul

~Teaching experience

- 2008 "The Qur'an Over Time: An Introduction to the Qur'an," Instructor
- 2006 "Religions of Asia," Teaching Assistant
- 2005 "Islamic Civilization," Section Instructor
- 2005 "Introduction to Islam," Teaching Assistant

2004 "Muslim Law and Ethics," Teaching Assistant

~Conference Papers

"The Politics of Qur'an Translation: The Turkish Qur'an." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Diego, CA USA 2007.

"Engaging the Qur'an in Turkey." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion: Southeastern Region, Winston Salem, NC USA 2005.

"The Problem of Orthodoxy in Islamic Studies." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion National Conference, Philadelphia, PA USA 2005.

"Orthodoxy in Islamic Studies." Paper presented at the New Directions in Islamic Studies Conference, Durham, NC USA 2004.

~Honors and Distinctions

Duke University

2008-2009 Institute of Turkish Studies—Dissertation Writing Grant
2008-2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship—Turkish (FLAS)
2007-2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship—Turkish (FLAS)
2006 Institute of Turkish Studies—Summer Language Grant
2006-2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship—Turkish (FLAS)
2005 Duke Center for International Studies—Summer Research Grant
2005 Duke Center for Eastern European, Eurasian and Slavic Studies
~Summer Research Grant

Honors College at the University of South Carolina

2001 *Magna Cum Laude*
1997-2001 University Scholar – Academic Scholarship
1999-2000 Educational Foundation - Study Abroad Scholarship
1999-2001 University President's List
1998-1999 South Carolina Life Scholarship - Academic Scholarship
1999 Paul Fiddler Award for Volunteer Service

~Invited Talks

May 2008 Visiting Lecturer, St. Andrews School - Middletown, Delaware

May 6 2007 "The Qur'an and Muslim Ritual," St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Raleigh, NC

April 29 2007 "Early Muslim History," St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Raleigh, NC

April 23 2007 "The Politics of Qur'an Translation," *Translatable Lecture Series*, Duke University

April 22 2007 "Muhammad's World," St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Raleigh, NC

Oct. 2 2006 “Religion and Society in Modern Turkey,” Duke University

~Professional Service and Experience

- 2007 Panel Organizer, “The Qur’an and Cultural Translation” American Academy of Religion National Conference, *Study of Islam Section*, 2007.
- 2004-2006 Manuscript preparation and editing for Aisha Karim and Bruce B. Lawrence, *On Violence: a Reader* (Duke University Press, 2008).
- 2003-2006 Co-founder/organizer: *Duke-UNC Graduate Student Islamic Studies Conference*
- 2004-2005 Research Associate-*Center for the Study of Muslim Networks*, Duke University
- 2003-2004 Research Assistant to Bruce Lawrence, *Duke University*

~Languages

- ❖ Arabic
- ❖ Turkish
- ❖ Ottoman Turkish
- ❖ Spanish
- ❖ Romanian
- ❖ French

~Professional Associations

- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- American Historical Association (AHA)
- Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)
- South Eastern Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar (SERMEISS)