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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

An internationally recognized scholar with an extensive publication and research portfolio focused on the areas of pre-modern and modern Islamic legal history and theory. Research focuses on pre-modern and modern Islamic legal history and theory, pre-modern modes of governance and adjudication, and the role of Shari'a both inside and outside the Muslim world. His general academic interests include topics in law and religion, legal history, and legal philosophy. He teaches in the areas of constitutional law and statutory interpretation, and offers specialized seminars on Islamic legal history, gender and Islamic law, and law and religion.

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## EDUCATION

<b>SJD</b>   Yale University School of Law   New Haven, CT	2009
<b>PhD</b>   UCLA Department of History   Los Angeles, CA	2005
<b>LLM</b>   Yale University School of Law   New Haven, CT	2004
<b>MA, History</b>   University of Texas   Austin, TX	1999
<b>JD</b>   UCLA School of Law   Los Angeles, CA	1996
<b>Hon BA, Rhetoric</b>   UC Berkeley   Berkeley, CA	1999

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

<b>Canada Research Chair on Religion, Pluralism, &amp; the Rule of Law</b> Faculty of Law   University of Toronto	2015 – Present
<b>Professor</b> Faculty of Law   University of Toronto	2013 – Present
<b>Canada Research Chair on Religion, Pluralism, &amp; the Rule of Law</b> Faculty of Law   University of Toronto	2015 – Present
<b>Associate Professor</b> Faculty of Law   University of Toronto	2010 – 2013
<b>Assistant Professor</b> Faculty of Law   University of Toronto	2005 – 2010
<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> Course: Islamic Law   Fordham University School of Law	2004
<b>Teaching Fellow</b> Course: The Qur'an: History & Legacy   Yale University	2004
<b>Lecturer</b> Course: Islamic Law   University of Texas School of Law	1998

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## AFFILIATIONS (Selected)

<b>Fellow</b>   John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation	2014 - 2015
<b>Member</b>   Institute of Advanced Studies   School of Social Sciences	2014 - 2015
<b>Series Editor/Founder</b>   Oxford Islamic Legal Studies Series	2012 - Present
<b>EIC/Founder</b>   Middle East Law & Governance: An Interdisciplinary Journal	2009 - Present
<b>Member</b>   California State Bar of Attorneys	1996 - Present

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
Co-editor: Ahmed, R. Forthcoming
- Islamic and Jewish Legal Reasoning: Encountering Our Legal Other*. Oxford: Oneworld Publications.  
Editor 2016
- Natural Law: A Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Trialogue*. Oxford University Press  
Co-authors: Levering, M., & Novak, D. 2014
- Religious Pluralism and Islamic Law: Dhimmis and Others in the Empire of Law*. Oxford University Press.  
Author 2012
- Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law: Searching for Common Ground?* Oxford University Press.  
Co-Editors: Ellis, M., & Glahn, B. 2012
- Islamic Natural Law Theories*. Oxford University Press.  
Author 2010

### Selected Articles & Chapters

- Fiqh. In Ahmed, R. & Emon, A.M. (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming
- Islamic Law and Finance. In Ahmed, R. & Emon, A.M. (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming
- Codification and Islamic Law: The Ideology of a Tragic Narrative. *Middle East Law and Governance* 8, nos. 2-3, 275-308. 2016
- The Quadrants of Shari'a: The Here and Hereafter as Constitutive of Islamic Law. In Todd Lawson and Sebastian Geunther (Eds). *Roads to Paradise: Eschatology and Concepts of the Hereafter in Islam*. 2:1099-1126. Leiden: Brill Publications, 2016
- Sharia and the Rule of Law. In Hefner, R.W. (Ed.), *Shari'a: Law and Modern Muslim Ethics*, pp.37-64. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. 2016
- On Statutory Interpretation and the (Canadian) Rule of Law: Interpretive Presumptions as Boundary Setting. *Theory and Practice of Legislation*, 3 (1), 45-89. 2015
- On Islam and Islamic Natural Law: A Response to the International Theological Commission's 'Look at Natural Law'. In Berkman, J., & Mattison, W.C. (Eds.), *Searching for a Universal Ethic*, pp.125-135. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 2014

- The Paradox of Equality and the Politics of Difference: Gender Equality, Islamic Law, and the Modern Muslim State. In Mir-Hosseini, Z., Vogt, K., Larson, L., & Moe, C. (Eds.), *Gender and Equality in Muslim Family Law: Justice and Ethics in the Islamic Legal Tradition*, pp. 237-258. London: IB Tauris. 2013
- Islamic Law and the Canadian Mosaic: Politics, Jurisprudence, and Multicultural Accommodation (Revised). In Korteweg, A. & Selby, J. (Eds.), *Debating Sharia: Islam, Gender, Politics, and Family Law Arbitration*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, pp. 192-229. 2012
- On Sovereignties in Islamic Legal History. *Middle East Law and Governance*, 4 (2-3), 265-305. 2012
- Religious Minorities and Islamic Law: Accommodation and the Limits of Tolerance. In Ellis, M., Emon, A.M., & Glahn, B. (Eds.), *Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law: Searching for Common Ground?*, pp. 323-243. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2012
- Sharia and the Modern State. In Ellis, M., Emon, A.M., & Glahn, B. (Eds.), *Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law: Searching for Common Ground?*, pp. 52-81. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2012
- Sharia and the (Em)Brace of Difference: From Theology to Law to Identity Politics. In Bowlin, J. (Ed.), *Kuyper Center Review, vol 2: Revelation and Common Grace*, pp. 173-199. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 2011
- Pluralizing Religion: Islamic Law and the Anxiety of Reasoned Deliberation. In Bender, C. & Klassen, P. (Eds.), *After Pluralism*, pp. 59-81. New York: Columbia University Press. 2010
- Reflections on the 'Constitution of Medina': An Essay on Methodology and Ideology in Islamic Legal History (Reprint). In Saeed, A. (Ed.), *Islamic Political Thought and Governance*. London: Routledge. 2010
- Islamic Law and the Canadian Mosaic: Politics, Jurisprudence, and Multicultural Accommodation. *Canadian Bar Review*, 87 (2), 391-425. 2009
- To Most Likely Know the Law: Objectivity, Authority, and Interpretation in Islamic Law. *Hebraic Political Studies*, 4 (4), 415-440. 2009
- Techniques and Limits of Legal Reasoning in Shari'a Today. *Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern & Islamic Law*, 2 (1), 101-124. 2009
- Islamic Theology and Moral Agency: Beyond the Pre- and Post-Modern. In Bakht, N. (Ed.), *Belonging and Banishment: Being Muslim in Canada*, pp. 51-61. Toronto: TSAR Publications. 2008
- The Limits of Constitutionalism in the Muslim World: history and Identity in Islamic Law. In Choudhry, S. (Ed.), *Constitutional Design for Divided Societies*, pp. 258-286. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2008
- On the Pope, Cartoons, and Apostates: Shari'a 2006. *Journal of Law and Religion*, 22 (2), 303-391. 2007
- Huquq Allah and Huquq al-'Ibad*: A Legal Heuristic for a Natural Rights Regime. *Islamic Law and Society*, 13 (3), 325-391. 2006
- Natural Law and Natural Rights in Islamic Law. *Journal of Law and Religion*, 20 (2), 351-395. 2004 – 2005
- Reflections on the 'Constitution of Medina': An Essay on Methodology and Ideology in Islamic Legal History. *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law*, 1(1), 103-133. 2001-2002

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## CONFERENCES & LECTURES (Selected)

- Islamic Law, Private International Law, and the Abduction Convention. *Malta IV Conference on Cross-Frontier Child Protection and Family Law*, Valetta, Malta. May 2-5, 2016
- Islamic Law and the Abduction Convention. *Global Affairs Canada, Regional Meeting of Mediation Working Group*, Doha, Qatar. March 28-30, 2016

- MacMillan-Stewart Lecturer on Women and Development, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. December 2, 2015
- Private International Law, the Abduction Convention, and Consular Affairs. *United Nations "Law Week"*, New York, NY. November 3, 2015
- Islamic Law and the Hague Abduction Convention. Canadian Embassy, The Hague, Netherlands. March 23, 2015
- Islamic Law, Arbitration, and Religious Pluralism (Keynote). *Freidrich-Alexander- Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg*, Erlangen, Germany. February 18, 2015
- Islamic Law and Religious Pluralism. Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, USA. December 8, 2014
- Statutory Interpretation and the (Canadian) Rule of Law. *Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General Annual Meeting*, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. June 17, 2014
- Religious Freedom & Legal Practice. UC Berkeley School of Law. September 19, 2013
- Religious Pluralism and Islamic Law: Tradition & Transitions. Department of History, University of Texas, Austin, TX. March 21, 2013
- The Rhetoric of Sharia & the Arab Spring. *Yale Law School's Middle East Legal Studies Seminar*. Rabat, Morocco. January 11-13, 2013
- After Islamic Natural Law Theories. *The Future of Islamic Legal Theory*, Orient-Institute, Beirut, Lebanon. March 20-25, 2012
- Tolerance, Governance, and the Islamic 'Other'. *Luce Seminar Series*, Institute on Culture, Religion, & World Affairs, Boston University, Boston, MA. October 28, 2011
- Sovereignties in Islamic Thought. Cornell University School of Law, Ithaca, NY. September 29, 2011
- Religion, Pluralism, & Governance: Reflections on Islamic Law & the Liberal Constitutional State (Keynote). *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on International Development*, Justice Canada & the Canadian Bar Association. Halifax, NS. August 14, 2011
- Sovereignties in Islam. *York University Legal Philosophy Workshop*, Toronto, ON. March 25, 2011
- Sharia and the (Em)Brace of Difference: From Theology to Law to Identity Politics. *Common Grace and 'A Common Word'*, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. April 16, 2010
- Ordering, International Law, & Shari'a: From Conquest to Cooperation. *2<sup>nd</sup> Conference in the Hague on Islam, Politics, & Law*. Peace Palace, the Hague, Netherlands. November 27, 2009
- Islamic Law & International Law: A Question of Red Herrings. *International Bar Association Annual Conference*. Madrid, Spain. October 7, 2009
- Islamic Family Law – Comparative State Practices. Canadian International Development Agency, Ottawa, ON. May 1, 2009
- Seminar: Islamic Law & Human Rights. Department of Justice, Government of Canada, Ottawa, ON. April 3, 2009
- Shari'a & Rule of Law. NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany. December 15-19, 2008
- Seminar: Islamic Family Law. Department of Justice, Government of Canada. Ottawa, ON. December 5, 2008

Techniques & Limits of Rights Reasoning in Shari'a. State University of New York School of Law, Buffalo, NY. November 21, 2008

Interpretation & Objectivity in Islamic Law. *The Hebrew Bible in Contemporary Intellectual Discourses*, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY. March 16-17, 2008

Convocation Address. University of Toronto, Department of Commerce & Science, Mississauga, ON. June 2007

Islamic Law: An Introduction to the Field. University of Frankfurt Institute of Finance, Frankfurt, Germany. May 2007

Understanding Shari'a: Canada & the Globe. *Muslim Communities Working Group*, Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade, Ottawa, ON. March 27, 2007

Inaugural Lecture for the Islamic Studies Program. University of Texas, Austin, TX. February 27, 2007

The Limits of Constitutionalism in the Muslim World: Narrative & Identity in Islamic Law. *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference*, Montreal, QC. November 17-19, 2007

Shari'a Family Law Arbitration. *Ismaili National Conciliation & Arbitration Board Annual Conference*, Toronto, ON. April 7, 2006

The Great Debate 2006: Religion & Family Arbitration. Ontario Justice Education Network. Osgoode Hall, Toronto, ON. April 5, 2006

Islamic Law, Multiculturalism, & the Law. *Law & Multiculturalism Conference*, National University of Singapore School of Law, Singapore. February 23-24, 2006

Shari'a Family Law Arbitration. *Ontario Bar Association (Family Law Section Panel)*, Toronto, Ontario. November 3, 2005

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## PROJECTS (Selected)

*Islamic and International Law: Searching for Common Ground*. Salzburg Global Seminar, Austria. Co-Chair November 14 -19, 2010

*Youth Agency and the Culture of Law: A High School Curriculum on Forced Marriage*. Project Director 2012-2014

*Judicial Independence and Professionalism Project: The Maldives*. Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs, Department of Justice, Canada. Consultant 2012-2013

*Theology, Law, and Felon Disenfranchisement*. American Civil Liberties Union. Consultant 2007-2008

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## RESEARCH GRANTS (Selected)

**High School Curriculum Development Project** | Department of Justice Canada | Youth Agency & the Culture of Law: \$29,000 2013-2015

**Connaught Summer Institute Grant** | University of Toronto | Connaught Summer Institute on Islamic Studies: \$50,000 2013

**Connection Grant** | Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) | Islamic and Jewish Legal Reasoning (Co-PI with Gibbs, R.): \$21,000 2012-2013

**Insight Grant** | SSHRC | Shari'a & Rule of Law: \$124,400 2012-2017  
**Workshop Grant** | SSHRC | Labor & Migration in the Middle East: \$14,500 2011-2012  
**Standard Research Grant** | SSHRC | Reasoning in Islamic & Jewish Law (Co-PI with Gibbs, R.):  
\$120,000

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