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### ACADEMIC EMPLOMENT

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- 2011-present Associate Professor, Department of Religion  
Director, Peace Studies Program  
The George Washington University
- 2009-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Religion  
Director, Peace Studies Program  
The George Washington University
- 2004-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies  
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL

### EDUCATION

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- 2004 PhD, Religious Studies. Program in Theology, Ethics, and Culture  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 1999 MA, Divinity. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1995 BA with High Honors (External Examination Program), Religion  
Minors: German and Philosophy. Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Book

- 2007 *The Rights of God: Islam, Human Rights, and Comparative Ethics*  
(Georgetown University Press)
- Book Discussion, *Journal of Religious Ethics* 38.3 (September 2010), with commentaries  
from Scott Davis, Sohail Hashmi, and David Hollenbach
- Nominated:  
2008 American Academy of Religion Book Award for Excellence  
2008 Middle East Studies Association Albert Hourani Book Award

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2013 "Muslim Governance and the Duty to Protect," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 41.1 (March), 15-19
- 2011 "Islamic Voices and the Reconsideration of Human Rights," *Journal of Church and State* 53.3 (Summer), 376-400
- 2010 "Motherhood in Christianity and Islam: Critiques, Realities, Possibilities," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 38.4 (December), 638-653
- 2010 "Sexing Comparative Ethics: Bringing Forth Feminist and Gendered Perspectives," with Elizabeth Bucar and Grace Kao (equally co-written, authors listed alphabetically), *Journal of Religious Ethics* 38.4 (December), 654-659
- 2010 "Negotiating Feminist and Gender Studies: Roundtable Response," *Journal of the Feminist Study of Religion* 26.1 (Spring), 139-142
- 2009 "The Performativity of Motherhood: Embodying Theology and Political Agency," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 29.2 (Fall/Winter), 3-17
- 2008 "Approaching Islam: Comparative Ethics Through Human Rights," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 36.3 (September), 405-423
- 2007 "Response to 'Cultivating a Liberal Islamic Ethos, Building an Islamic Civil Society'" *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 27.1 (Spring/Summer), 26-29

### Peer-Reviewed Anthology/Book Chapters

- 2016 "Theoretical Constructions of Muslim Motherhood," *Muslim Mothering: Local and Global Histories, Theories, and Practices*, eds. M. Aziza Pappano and Dana M. Olwan (Ontario: Demeter Press).
- 2015 "Education and Labor," *Asian American Christian Ethics: Voices, Methods, Issues*, eds. Grace Kao and Ilsup Ahn (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press), 225-243.
- 2012 "Engendering Martyrs: Muslim Mothers and Martyrdom," *Religious Ethics in a Time of Globalism: Shaping a Third Wave of Comparative Analysis*, eds. Elizabeth Bucar and Aaron Stalnaker (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), 65-79
- 2011 "Islamic Conceptions of Human Rights," *Handbook of Human Rights*, ed. Thomas Cushman (New York: Routledge), 255-265

### Dictionary/Encyclopedia Entries

- 2009 "Justice," *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability: The Spirit of Sustainability*, ed. Willis Jenkins (Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire), 258-261
- 2009 "Religious Fundamentalism," *Palgrave Macmillan Dictionary of Transnational History*, ed. Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 899-901

## Book Reviews

- 2010 “On Democracy, Violence, and the Promise of Islam: Review of *Arguing the Just War in Islam*, by John Kelsay (Harvard University Press, 2007),” *Journal of Church and State* 53.1 (January), 50-58
- 2010 “A Response to David Hollenbach and Sohail H. Hashmi,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 38.3 (September), 594-97

## Symposium Proceedings

- 2005 “Le Comité des philosophes de l’UNESCO (1947-1948): À la recherche des fondements des droits de l’homme,” *60 ans d’histoire de l’UNESCO: Actes du colloque international, Paris, 16-18 novembre 2005* (Paris, France: UNESCO, 2007), 139-42

## Online Publication

- 2015 “Marriage and the Moral Traditions of Others: Teaching Religious Ethics and World Religions,” *American Academy of Religion, Religious Studies News: Spotlight on Teaching* (<http://rsn.aarweb.org/node/318>), accessed February 18, 2016

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 11/2015 Response to panel, “*The Ethics of Social Difference, Global Interdependence, and Forced Migration*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 1/2015 Panel, “Grant Writing for the Study of Muslim Ethics,” Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 1/2014 Response to Bonna Devora Haberman, “Toward CEDAW without Reservations—Beyond the Wall of Jewish Orthodoxy” and Shraga Bar-On, “A Woman’s Voice: Pleasure or Sin?” Society of Jewish Ethics Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- 3/2012 Invited Lecture, “Islam and the Environment,” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 1/2012 “An Islamic Ethic of Eating: Balancing Food Choice, Piety, and Sustainability,” Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 1/2012 Response to James Turner Johnson, “*Journal of Religious Ethics* Celebration: Honoring Barney Twiss and John Kelsay for a Decade of Leadership,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 11/2011 Response to “The Self and the Other in Comparative Religious Ethics” Panel, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 1/2011 “Asian American Representations in Christian Literature: The Deadly Viper Controversy: A Response,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

- 11/2010 “Halal: Food, Gender, and Ethical Reflection in Modern Muslim Communities,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 3/2010 “Engendering Martyrs: Muslim Mothers and Martyrdom,” Invited Workshop Participant, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School
- 11/2009 “Sources of Maternal Moral Authority,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 9/2009 “Civil Society,” Invited Seminar Participant, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- 5/2009 “Moral Worlds and Religious Subjectivities,” Invited Response to Saba Mahmood, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School
- 1/2009 “The Politics of Motherhood: Maternal Ethics and Political Identity,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 1/2009 “The Women’s Caucus in 50 Years” Women’s Caucus, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 1/2009 “Response to Panel on The Rights of God,” Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 11/2008 “A Critical Assessment of John Kelsay’s Arguing the Just War in Islam,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 11/2007 “Mothers’ Movements: Motherhood, Religion, and Activism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 1/2007 “Sex, Gender, and the Comparative Enterprise,” Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX
- 1/2006 “Contamination: Do Muslim Civil Societies Need Western Philosophy?” Response to Plenary, Jewish-Christian-Islamic Ethics Working Group, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
- 11/2005 “Universalism and Diversity in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” UNESCO History Symposium, Paris
- 4/2005 “Islamic National Identities and the Creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies
- 1/2005 “Tariq Ramadan on Islam in the West,” Jewish-Christian-Islamic Ethics Working Group, Society of Christian Ethics, Miami, FL
- 11/2003 “Individuality Amidst Universality: Islamic Views on Democracy,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 4/2003 “Teaching in Teams,” Teaching Resource Center, University of Virginia

- 2/2003 “Mission and Violence,” Religious Studies Department,  
University of Virginia
- 11/2002 “Sin Boldly! Visions of the Moral Life,” Swarthmore College
- 10/2002 “Introduction to Islam,” University of Virginia Medical School
- 4/2001 “Interpreting Jihad,” Student Ethics Conference, University of Chicago
- 4/2000 “Islam: A Foundation for Reproductive Rights?”  
Student Ethics Conference, University of Chicago
- 4/1999 “History, Humility...Christianity?”  
Student Ethics Conference, University of Chicago
- 3/1998 “Reinhold Niebuhr: Religion, Ethics, and Politics in a Changing World,”  
American Academy of Religion Midwest Region Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

#### GRANTS AND HONORS

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- 2015 National Endowment for the Humanities, “Summer Institute for College and University  
Faculty: American Muslims: History, Culture, and Politics” (\$188,311)
- 2011-2012 Online Learning Initiative Grant, The George Washington University (\$5,000)
- 2010 UFF/Dilthey Summer Grant, The George Washington University (\$8,412)
- 2008 Max Orovitz Summer Grant, University of Miami (\$10,000)
- 2006 Max Orovitz Summer Grant, University of Miami (\$10,000)
- 2005 “Islam and the Reconsideration of Universal Human Rights,” Irmgard Coninx  
Foundation-Humboldt Universität International Juried Essay Competition Winner
- 2005 International Travel Grant, University of Miami
- 2005 Max Orovitz Summer Grant, University of Miami (\$10,000)
- 2004 Summer Scholar, Erasmus Institute: “Ethics and International Relations”
- 2003-2004 Doctoral Fellow, Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia
- 2003 Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship for American Academy of Religion,  
University of Virginia
- 1999-2002 President’s Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2001-2002 DuPont Fellowship, University of Virginia

- 2001 Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship for Arabic study, Yarmouk University, Jordan
- 2001 Dean's Travel Grant for travel to Jordan and Syria, University of Virginia
- 2001 Seven Society Teaching Award, Nomination, University of Virginia
- 1997-1999 Divinity School Fellowship, University of Chicago

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### The George Washington University

#### 2009-present Courses Taught

Christian Ethics and Modern Society  
 Current Issues in Bioethics  
 Ethics and the World Religions  
 Introduction to Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution  
 Introduction to World Religions  
 Peace Studies Capstone Project  
 Religions Wage Peace (online)  
 Islam (online)

2013 Academic Director, Fulbright Cypriot Summer High School Program

#### 2009-2010 Senior Theses Directed

Alyssa Vincent-Hill (Columbian College), "The Persisting Primacy of the Umma: A Comparative Study of Religious Frameworks and Community Autonomy in Kenya and Oman"—*Honors*

Sana Idrees (CCAS, 7-year Medical School program), "Human Organ Donation and Transplantation: An Islamic Jurisprudential Perspective"—*Honors*

Helena Bala (Elliot School of International Affairs), "Human Trafficking in Albania"—*Honors*

### University of Miami

#### 2004-2009 Assistant Professor, Religious Studies

Biomedical Ethics  
 Introduction to Islam  
 Introduction to Religion  
 Majors and Minors Seminar  
 Religion and American Politics  
 Religion and Globalization  
 Religion and Moral Choices  
 Sex, Gender, and Ethics

University of Virginia

2000-2003	Graduate Instructor Accelerated Academic Writing Business Ethics Political and Social Thought Honors Program (for Michael J. Smith) Religious Ethics and Moral Problems Summer Transition Program
2001-2002	Teaching Assistant Theology, Ethics, and Healthcare (for James Childress) Early Christianity and New Testament (for Harry Gamble)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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External

9/2012-present	Board of Editors, <i>Journal of Religious Ethics</i>
1/2014-present	Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics
1/2012-1/2014	Vice President, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics
11/2008-11/2011	Steering Committee Chair, Comparative Religious Ethics Group, American Academy of Religion
3/2012-3/2013	Appointed Committee Member, Lifetime Achievement Award, Society of Christian Ethics
5/2011	Panelist, 2011 Hours Against Hate (US State Department), Washington, DC
10/2010-3/2011	Senior Project Faculty Mentor, School Without Walls
5/2009-1/2012	Founding Member, Membership Committee Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics
1/2008-1/2012	Board of Directors, Society of Christian Ethics
3/2010	Representative, Society of Christian Ethics, National Humanities Alliance
1/2010	Faculty Advisor, Student Caucus, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting
1/2010	Convener, "Plenary: A Typology of Christian Ethics: A Brief Conversation between Chinese and American Christians," Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting
1/2010	Convener, "Teaching Muslim Ethics in American Higher Education," Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics Annual Meeting

1/2007-1/2009 International Speakers Fund Committee, Society of Christian Ethics

2005-5/2009 Board of Directors, American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies

4/2007 Advisor, Miramar High School, Miami, FL, "Forum on Islam"

1/2006 Radio Interviewee "Islamic Studies," NPR "Day to Day" and "Weekend Edition"

10/2004 Televised Panelist, "Campaign Ethics," WPBT/PBS Viewpoint

10/2004 Televised Interviewee, "Catholic Voters," NBC 6 South Florida

University

3/2012-3/2013 MA Islamic Studies Exploratory Committee Member, The George Washington University

8/2011-5/2012 Faculty Advisor, Interfaith Staff, Faculty and Community Partner Executive Board, The George Washington University

8/2010 Panelist, "New Faculty Orientation: Surviving the First Year," The George Washington University

6/2010 Orientation Speaker, "Religion, Government, and Law," The George Washington University

2/2010-3/2010 General Curriculum Review, Humanities Committee, The George Washington University

2005-2006 Faculty Advisor, Asian American Students Association, University of Miami

4/2005 Panelist, "Careers for Asian Americans," University of Miami

2/2005 Panelist, "Samuel Huntington and the Clash of Civilizations," University of Miami

10/2004 Panelist, "Religion and Politics," University of Miami

Departmental

9/2011-5/2012 Tenure Committee Member, Religion, The George Washington University

6/2010 Department Representative, First Year Orientation, The George Washington University

6/2008-6/2009 Faculty Senate (Alternate), Religious Studies Department, University of Miami



2006-2007 Curriculum Committee, Department of Religious Studies,  
University of Miami

2/2005 Department Representative, Majors and Minors Fair, University of Miami

2000 Founder, Women in Ethics, University of Virginia

2000 Biomedical Ethics Intern, University of Virginia Health Sciences Center

Peer Review for Academic Journals

2005-present *Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Journal of Religious Ethics,  
Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*

LANGUAGES

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Arabic (Modern Standard, reading proficiency)  
French (reading proficiency)  
German (reading, speaking proficiency)