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**Current Position:**

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The University of Chicago.

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**Education:**

Bernards Township Public Schools, Basking Ridge, N.J., grades K-12. Diploma 6/1963.  
Princeton University, 9/1963--6/1968. A. B. (Oriental Studies) 6/1968.  
University of Michigan and Columbia University, summers 1965 and 1966 (Arabic).  
Middle East Centre for Arab Studies, Shimplan, Lebanon, 8/1966--6/1967. (Arabic).  
University of Munich, Germany, summer 1967 (German).  
University of Erlangen, Germany, 10/1970--7/1971 (Orientalische Philologie).  
Princeton University Graduate School, 9/1971--8/1975. Dissertation: "The Arab Tribes  
in the Muslim Conquest of Iraq." Ph.D. (Near Eastern Studies) 10/24/1975.

**Employment:**

6/1968-6/1970--Service in United States Army; basic training 6/68-4/69; service in .....  
Germany 4/69-6/70. (Radio intercept operator and German linguist).  
7/1975-6/1980--Assistant Professor of History, Yale University, New Haven, CT.  
7/1980-6/1982--Associate Professor of History (term), Yale University.  
7/1982-6/1997--Associate Professor of Near Eastern History, The Oriental Institute and  
Dept. of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, The University of Chicago.  
7/1997-Present--Professor of Near Eastern History.

**Academic Awards:**

Spring, 1966--Selected to participate in the National Undergraduate Program for Overseas  
Study of Arabic (NUPOSA), which supported a year's intensive study of Arabic  
language at the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies, Shimplan, Lebanon, in  
1966/67.  
6/1968--Graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University; Phi Beta Kappa.  
Spring, 1968--Designated a Woodrow Wilson Scholar designate (i.e. honors, no money).  
1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74--NDFL fellowships for graduate work at Princeton.  
Spring, 1973--Fulbright-Hayes dissertation grant for research in Egypt (declined).  
Spring, 1974--Selected by the Middle East Institute, Washington, D. C., to be one of .....  
two American graduate students on the Institute's first "dialogue mission," .....  
visiting educational institutions, ministries of culture, etc. in seven Arab .....  
countries, giving lectures in Arabic on various subjects.  
Spring, 1974--Awarded a Josephine de Karman Fellowship and Princeton University's  
Frelinghuysen Fellowship for graduate study, 1974-1975.

- Spring, 1976 and Spring, 1978--Awarded grants from Yale University's Whitney A. Griswold Fund to support travel involved in research.
- 7/1978-6/1979--Awarded Yale University's Morse Fellowship for research leave.
- 7/1987-6/1988--N.E.H. Fellowship for University Teachers.
- Spring Quarter, 1991--Research Fellow, Chicago Humanities Institute, The University of Chicago. (release time from teaching to support research).
- Spring, 1992--Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, The University of Chicago.
- Summer, 2000---Director, NEH Summer Institute for College and University Teachers .... on "Islamic Origins."
- Winter-Spring, 2001--NEH/ACOR Fellowship at American Center for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, to support drafting a monograph on Islamic origins.
- Summer, 2002--Co-Director, NEH Summer Institute for College and University . . . . . Teachers on "Social Transformation and Political Legitimation in Early Islamic .. . . . States: Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa."
- Summer, 2005--Co-Director, NEH Summer Institute for College and University .... . . . . Teachers on "Culture and Communication in the Pre-Modern Islamic World."
- AY 2007-2008—awarded a Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation to pursue research on “The Development of Early Islamic Political Vocabulary.”
- November, 2008—Awarded the Jere L. Bacharach Service Award by the Middle East Studies Association.
- November, 2010—Voted President-Elect of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) (3-year Board term: 2010-22, President-Elect; 2011-12, President; 2012-13, Past President).
- July, 2012—Appointed a Life Member of the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.
- AY 2014-2105—Marta Sutton Weeks Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University.

## Publications

### Monographs:

- The Early Islamic Conquests*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1981. 489 pp. ISBN 0-691-10182-5. Now available via American Council of Learned Societies “History E-Book Project.”
- Narratives of Islamic Origins: The Beginnings of Islamic Historical Writing*. Princeton: Darwin Press, 1998 (= *Studies in Late Antiquity and Early Islam*, 14). 358 pp. ISBN 0-87850-127-4
- Muhammad and the Believers: at the origins of Islam*. (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010). xvii, 280 pp. ISBN 978-0-674-05097-6.  
Italian translation: *Maometto e le origini dell’Islam* (Torino: Giulio Einaudi editore, 2011). xiv, 289 pp. ISBN 978-88-06-20868-4.

Japanese translation: appeared 2013. ISBN 978-4-7664-2146-0.

Indonesian translation: *Muhammad dan Umat Beriman Asal-Usul Islam* (Jakarta: Penerbit, 2016).

Persian translation: in preparation.

Arabic translation: in preparation.

### **Edited Volumes:**

•*The Expansion of the Early Islamic State*. Articles selected, and with an introduction and bibliography by Fred M. Donner (London: Ashgate/Variorum, 2008). [= "The Formation of the Classical Islamic World," 5.]

ISBN 978-0-86078-722-8

•*The Articulation of Early Islamic State Structures*. Articles selected, and with an introduction and bibliography, by Fred M. Donner (London: Ashgate/Variorum, 2012). [= "The Formation of the Classical Islamic World," 6.]

•*Umayyads and Others in the Umayyad State*. Edited, and with an introduction, by Antoine Borrut and Fred M. Donner. (Chicago: The Oriental Institute, 2016) [= *The Late Antique and Medieval Islamic Near East, 1*]

•*Scripts and Scripture: Writing and Religion in Arabia, ca.500-700 CE*. Edited, and with an introduction, by Fred M. Donner and Rebecca Hasselbach-Andee. (Chicago: The Oriental Institute, forthcoming probably late 2018)

### **Translations from Arabic:**

•*The History of al-Tabari*, vol. X: *The Conquest of Arabia: The Riddah Wars*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1993. 216 pp. Introduction, translation, annotations.

ISBN 0-7914-1072-2

•A section in *The History of al-Ya'qubi* dealing with the end of the life of the prophet and the caliphates of Abu Bakr and 'Umar ibn al-Khattab. Collective project; my section amounts to about 90 pages of Arabic text. In press.

### **Articles:**

"Mecca's Food Supplies and Muhammad's Boycott," *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 20 (1977), pp. 249-266.

"Muhammad's Political Consolidation in Western Arabia up to the Conquest of Mecca: A Reassessment," *Muslim World* 69 (1979), pp. 229-247.

"The Bakr b. Wa'il Tribes and Politics in Northeastern Arabia on the Eve of Islam," *Studia Islamica* 51 (1980), pp. 5-38.

"Introduction," in A. A. Duri, *The Rise of Historical Writing among the Arabs*, translated from the Arabic by Lawrence I. Conrad (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1983).

"Some Early Arabic Inscriptions from al-Hanakiyya, Saudi Arabia," *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 43 (1984), pp. 181-208.

"Tribal Settlement in Basra during the First Century A.H.," in Tarif Khalidi (ed.), *Land Tenure and Social Transformation in the Middle East* (Beirut: American University of Beirut, 1984), pp. 97-120.

"The Formation of the Islamic State," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 106 (1986), pp. 283-296.

"Xenophon's Arabia," *Iraq* 48 (1986), pp. 1-14.

"The Death of Abu Talib," in John H. Marks and Robert M. Good (eds.), *Love and Death in the Ancient Near East. Essays in Honor of Marvin H. Pope* (Guilford, CT: Four Quarters Publishing Company, 1987), pp. 237-245.

"The Problem of Early Arabic Historiography in Syria," in Muhammad Adnan Bakhit (ed.), *Proceedings of the Second Symposium on the History of Bilâd al-Shâm during the Early Islamic Period*, vol. I (Amman, 1987), pp. 1-27.

"The Shurta [Police] in Early Umayyad Syria," in M. Adnan Bakhit and Robert Schick (eds.), *Proceedings of the Third Symposium on the History of Bilâd al-Shâm during the Umayyad Period*, vol. 2 (Amman, 1989), pp. 247-262.

"The Role of Nomads in the Near East in Late Antiquity (400-800 C.E.), in F. M. Clover and R. S. Humphreys (eds.), *Tradition and Innovation in Late Antiquity* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1989), pp. 73-85.

"Islamic History: Problems and Ideals for Schools," *Social Studies Review* 6 (Fall, 1990).

"The Sources of Islamic Conceptions of War," in John Kelsay and James Turner Johnson (eds.), *Just War and Jihad: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on War and Peace in Western and Islamic Traditions* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1991), pp. 31-69.

"Mesopotamian Trade from the Tenth to the Fifteenth Century C.E.," *Asien, Afrika, Lateinamerika* 20 (1993), 1095-1112.

"Al-Lahajat al-'ammiyya al-'arabiyya wa-ahammiyyat dirasatiha" ["The Colloquial Arabic Dialects and the Importance of Studying Them"], *Al-Abhath* 41 (1993), 3-26 [Arabic].

"The Growth of Military Institutions in the Early Caliphate and their Relation to Civilian Authority," in monograph series supplementing the journal *Al-Qantara* 14 (1993), 311-326.

"Centralized Authority and Military Autonomy in the Early Islamic Conquests," in Averil Cameron (ed.), *Studies in Late Antiquity and Early Islam*, 3: *States, Resources, and Armies*. (Princeton: Darwin Press, 1995), 337-60.

"Pioneers in Medieval Middle Eastern Studies: Philip K. Hitti," *Al-'Usur al-Wusta. The Bulletin of Middle East Medievalists* (October, 1996), 48-52.

"Piety and Eschatology in Early Kharijite Poetry," in Muhammad al-Sa'afin (ed.), *Fi mihrab al-ma'rifa. Festschrift for Ihsan 'Abbas*. Beirut: Dar Sadir, 1997, pp. 3-19 [English Section].

"Khirbet al-Samra and its environs in the early Islamic period (ca. 635-800 C.E.)," in Thomas Bauzou, Alain Desreumaux, Pierre-Louis Gatier, Jean-Baptiste Humbert, & Fawzi Zayadine (eds.), *Fouilles de Khirbet es-Samra en Jordanie I* (Turnhout: Brepols, 1998), 563-65.

"Muhammad and the Islamic Caliphate, 570-1258 C.E.," in John Esposito (ed.), *The Oxford History of Islam*, (Oxford, 1999), 1-61.

"Modern Nationalism and Medieval Islamic History," *Al-'Usur al-Wusta: The Bulletin of Middle East Medievalists* 13.1 (April, 2001), 21-22.

"La Question de Messianisme dans l'Islam primitif," *Mahdisme et millénarisme en Islam (Revue du Monde Musulman et de la Méditerranée)*, Sommaire no. 91-92-93-94 (Éditions Édisud, 2001), 17-27.

"'Uthman and the Rashidun Caliphs in Ibn 'Asakir's *Ta'rikh madinat Dimashq*: a Study in Strategies of Compilation," in James E. Lindsay (ed.), *Ibn 'Asakir: A Muslim Historian and his work* (Princeton: Darwin Press, 2002), 44-61.

"Assumptions of Orientalists in Studying the Origins of Islam as a Historical Phenomenon," *Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology Newsletter, Yarmouk University* (Jordan) 24 (2002), 34-37. [English abstract of an Arabic lecture delivered to the Institute in May, 2001.]

"From Believers to Muslims. Patterns of Confessional Self-Identity in the early Islamic Community," *Al-Abhath* 50-51 (2002-2003), 9-53.

"Seeing the Rise of Islam in Historical Perspective." First Annual Wadie Jwaideh Memorial Lecture, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Indiana University, November 4, 2002. In *In Memoriam* (ed. Z. Istrabadi and M. Drain), Bloomington: Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University, 2003, 10-32.

"Orientalists and the Rise of Islam," in Sami A. Khasawnih (ed.), *Conference on "Orientalism: Dialogue of Cultures"* (Amman: University of Jordan, n.d. [2004]), 57-84.

"Doing It: Richard W. Bulliet and Islamic Studies," in N. Yavari, et al. (ed.), *Views from the Edge: Essays in Honor of Richard W. Bulliet* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2004), ix-xviii.

"The Background to Islam," in Michael Maas (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Justinian* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), 510-33.

"The Islamic Conquests," in Yousef Choueiri (ed.), *A Companion to the History of the Middle East* (Malden & Oxford: Blackwell's, 2005), 28-51.

"The Historical Context of the Qur'an," in Jane D. McAuliffe (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Qur'an* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), 21-39.

"Fight for God—But Do So with Kindness: Reflections on War, Peace, and Communal Identity in Early Islam," in Kurt Raaflaub (ed.), *War and Peace in the Ancient World* (Malden & Oxford: Blackwell's, 2006), 297-311.

"Qur'ānic *furqān*," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 52 (2007), 279-300.

"The Qur'an in Recent Scholarship—Challenges and Desiderata," in Gabriel S. Reynolds (ed.), *The Qur'an in its Historical Context* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2008), 29-50.

"Modern Approaches to Early Islamic History," in Chase F. Robinson (ed.), *The New Cambridge History of Islam*, vol 1 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 625-47.

"Umayyad Efforts at Legitimation: The Silent Heritage of the Umayyads," in Antoine Borrut and Paul M. Cobb (eds.), *Umayyad Legacies* (Leiden and Boston: E. J. Brill, 2010), 187-211.

"Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb, Amr ibn al-ʿĀṣ, and the Muslim Invasion of Egypt," in A. R. Sālimī, Brannon Wheeler, et al. (eds.), *Community, State, History, and Changes: Festschrift for Prof. Riḍwān Al-Sayyid* (Beirut: Arab Network for Research and Publishing, 2011), 67-84.

"Qur'anicization of Religio-Political Discourse in the Umayyad Period," *Révue des Mondes Musulmans et de la Méditerranée* 129 (2011), 79-92.

"Visions of the Early Islamic Expansion: Between the Heroic and the Horrific," in Nadia Maria El Cheikh and Shaun O'Sullivan (eds.), *Byzantium in Early Islamic Syria* (Beirut and El-Koura: American University of Beirut and University of Balamand, 2011), 9-29.

"The Historian, the Believer, and the Qur'an," in Gabriel S. Reynolds (ed.), *New Perspectives on the Qur'an: The Qur'an in its Historical Context 2* (London, Routledge, 2011), 25-37.

*How Ecumenical Was Early Islam?* (Eleventh Farhat J. Ziadeh Distinguished Lecture in Arab and Islamic Studies). (Seattle: Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, University of Washington, 2013).

“Was Marwān ibn al-Ḥakam the first Real Muslim?” in Sarah Bowen Savant and Helena de Felipe (eds.), *Genealogy and Knowledge in Muslim societies: understanding the past* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2014, pp. 105-14).

“Periodization as a Tool of the Historian, with special reference to Islamic History,” *Der Islam* 90 (2014), 20-36.

“Fragments of Three Umayyad Official Documents,” in Maurice A. Pomerantz and Aram Shahin (eds.), *The Heritage of Arabo-Islamic Learning. Studies presented to Wadad Kadi* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2016), 28-41.

“A Typology of Eschatological Concepts,” in Sebastian Günther and Todd Lawson (eds), *Roads to Paradise. Eschatology in the Islamic Tradition* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2017), 757-72.

“Patricia Crone, 1945-2015,” in *Chroniques du manuscrit au Yemen* 21(January 2016), 5-10.

“Arabic ‘fath’ as ‘Conquest’,” *Al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā, The Journal of Middle East Medievalists* 24 (2016), 1-14.

“Reflections on the History and Evolution of Western Study of the Qur’an, from ca. 1900 to the present,” in Mun’im Sirry (ed.), *Proceedings of the First IQSA International Conference, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, August 2015* (forthcoming).

“Early Muslims and Peoples of the Book,” in Herbert Berg (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook on Early Islam* (Abingdon: Routledge, forthcoming 2017).

“Dīn, islām, und muslim im Koran,” in Georges Tamer (ed.), *Kritische Koranhermeneutik. In memoriam Günter Lüling* (forthcoming).

“Günter Lüling als Lehrer,” in Georges Tamer (ed.), *Kritische Koranhermeneutik. In memoriam Günter Lüling* (forthcoming).

“Talking About Islam’s Origins,” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* [University of London] (forthcoming).

“Living Together: Social Perceptions and Changing Interactions of Arabian Believers and Other Religious Communities During the Umayyad Period,” in Andrew Marsham (ed), *The Umayyad World* (Abingdon: Routledge, forthcoming 2017).

"Al-Ya'qubi on the Saqifa Episode and its Implications," in Matthew Gordon (ed.), *Al-Ya'qubi, Historian and Geographer* (tentative title)(forthcoming).

"The Tribal Perspective in Early Islamic Historiography," in Lawrence I. Conrad (ed.), *Historiography in the Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East* (Princeton: Darwin Press, forthcoming).

"The Hanifa Tribe of Central Arabia during the early Islamic Period," prepared for the Conference on the History of Arabia during the Umayyad Period at King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This conference was postponed; I am holding the paper for eventual rescheduling of the conference, or for publication elsewhere if the conference fails to materialize.

**Encyclopedia Articles:** [NB since about 2004 I no longer accept invitations to write encyclopedia entries.]

*Encyclopaedia of Islam* (Leiden: E. J. Brill): "Maymun b. Mihran"; "al-Muthanna b. Haritha"; "Muzayna"; "Sayf b. 'Umar".

*Encyclopaedia Iranica* (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul): "Aba Dolaf al-Qasem ebn 'Isa al-'Ejli", "Basra", "Dolafids."

*Dictionary of the Middle Ages* (10 vols., New York: Charles Scribner's Sons): ten various entries on early Islamic history, totaling about 12,000 words.

*World Book Encyclopedia* (1993 edition; World Publishing Company): "Arabs."

*A Guide to the Late Antique World* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1997): "Islamic Empire, Structure of"

*Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. Ed. Richard Martin (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004): "Expansion of Islam."

**Book Reviews:**

Over seventy various reviews, published since 1977 (but fewer since 1995) in diverse journals, including: *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Middle East Journal*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Der Islam*, *Bibliotheca Orientalis*, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, *Journal of Semitic Studies*, *Speculum*, *Iran-Nameh*, *Al-'Usur al-Wusta*. Among them I consider the following to be particularly significant:

Review of Patricia Crone, *Slaves on Horses* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1980), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 102 (1982), pp. 367-371.

Review of Patricia Crone and Martin Hinds, *God's Caliph. Religious Authority in the First Centuries of Islam* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986), in *The Times Literary Supplement*, Friday, July 3, 1987, p. 727.



Review of Irfan Shahîd, *Rome and the Arabs. A Prolegomenon to the Study of Byzantium and the Arabs* (Washington, D. C.: Dumbarton Oaks, 1984) and *Byzantium and the Arabs in the Fourth Century* (Washington, D. C.: Dumbarton Oaks, 1984), in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 47 (1988), pp. 221-225.

Review of Hugh Kennedy, *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphates: The Islamic Near East from the Sixth to the Eleventh Century* (London and New York: Longmans, 1986), in *Speculum* 65 (1990), pp. 182-184.

Review of Jamal ‘Abd al-Hadi Muhammad Mas‘ud and Wafa’ Muhammad Rif‘at Jum‘a, *Istikhlaf Abi Bakr al-Siddiq radiya Allah ‘anhu* [The Succession of Abu Bakr al-Siddiq] (Al-Mansura: Dar al-Wafa’, 1409/1989), in *Al-‘Usur al-Wusta* 6 (1994), 53-55.

Review of Ibn Warraq (ed.), *The Quest for the Historical Muhammad* (Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus, 2000), *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 35 (2001), 75-76.

Review of G. R. Hawting, *The Idea of Idolatry and the Emergence of Islam: From Polemic to History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121 (2001), 336-38.

Review of Jan Retsö, *The Arabs in Antiquity. Their history from the Assyrians to the Umayyads* (London and New York: Routledge Curzon, 2003), in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 66 (2007), 312-16.

Review of Tayeb El-Hibri, *Parable and Politics in Early Islamic History* (New York: Columbia University, 2010), in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 43 (2011), 570-71.

Review of Robert Hoyland, *In God’s Path. The Arab conquests and the creation of an Islamic empire* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Al-‘Usūr al-Wuṣṭā* 23 (2015), 134-40.

### **Works in Progress:**

“An Enigmatic Arabic Papyrus Document from Early Islam” (article or short monograph)

“The Qur’ānic passages on the Scripture People (*ahl al-kitāb*)” (drafted, approx. 20 pp.)

“Talking About Islam’s Origins” (partly drafted)

“Living Together: Social Perceptions and Changing Interactions of Arabian Believers and Other Religious Communities During the Umayyad Period,” (drafted, approx. 25 pp.)

### **Professional Activities:**

Middle East Studies Association of North America:

Member since 1974  
Co-Chairman, Program Committee for 1983 Annual MESA Conference  
Nominating Committee (1989)  
Board of Directors (1992-95)  
President (President-Elect, 2010-11; President, 2011-12; Past President, 2012-13)

American Oriental Society:  
Member since 1983  
Nominating Committee (1989-90).

Middle East Medievalists:  
Member since inception (1989)  
President (1992-94)  
Editor of *Al-'Usur al-Wusta*, The Bulletin of Middle East Medievalists (1992-2011).

American Research Institute in Syria (ARIS)  
Vice-President, Steering Committee (1992-93)  
Board of Directors, At-Large Member (1994-2000).

International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA)  
Member of Board of Directors (2013-present)

Program Evaluator for American University of Beirut (History Dept.), University of Toronto (Dept. of Near East and Islamic Studies).

Grant Proposal Reviewer (Peer review) for NEH, ACLS, Fulbright-Hayes Program, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Council of Canada, École Pratique des Hautes Études (Paris), Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Australian Research Council, Austrian Science Foundation (FWF) Vienna, Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College, American Center for Oriental Research (Amman) [chair of fellowship committee for latter, 2005-2011], Stanford Humanities Center, Notre Dame Institute for Humanities.

Tenure Dossier or Promotion outside evaluator for M.I.T., Princeton, Rice, Temple, Yale, Notre Dame, Ohio State, University of California at Irvine, University of Pennsylvania, Texas A&M, Stonehill College, Université de Paris I (Sorbonne), American University of Beirut, American University in Cairo, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, King Saud University (Riyadh), University of Toronto, St. Andrews (Scotland), United Arab Emirates University, Stanford University, Emory University.

External Dissertation Examiner for Princeton University, Sorbonne (Paris I), University of Texas at Austin, INALCO (Institut Nationale des Langues et Cultures d'Orient, Paris).

Book Manuscript reviewer for University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press, Columbia University Press, University of California Press, University of Texas Press, Southern Illinois University Press,

Ligature, Peter Lang, University of Chicago Center for Middle Eastern Studies,  
Edinburgh University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Article Manuscript reviewer for *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* [University of London], *Law and History Review*, *Speculum*.

Coordinator, University of Chicago-University of Damascus (Syria) Faculty Exchange Program (1988-93).

### **Dissertation Advising:**

Since arriving at Chicago in autumn 1982, I have served on the following dissertation committees. Those preceded by an asterisk (\*) are those for which I am or was first reader/supervisor. Quarter in which completed dissertations were defended is indicated in brackets after title. For current dissertations, subjects/titles in brackets are tentative.

#### Dissertations Currently In Progress:

Derouin, Andrew James (NELC): *Dynastic Fluidity and Coalition Building in Timurid Khurasan, 1447-1458:*

\*Dost, Suleyman (NELC): "The Arabian Context of the Qur'ān."

Hashim, Ahmed (NELC): "Al-Khatib al-Baghdadi and the Articulation of the Sunni Hadith Disciplines."

\*Heffron, Anthony Richard III (NELC): "Abu Zur'a al-Dimashqi's *Kitāb al-ta'rikh*"

\*Kalaaji, Rahaf (NELC): Ibn al-Zubayr: Caliph or Counter-Caliph?

\*Lauricella, Anthony Joseph (NELC): Re-Use of Umayyad "Desert Castles"

\*Mutter, Jessica Sylvan (NELC): Conversion to Islam in early Islamic Syria and Mesopotamia

Numan, Alidost (History): "Establishing a Historical Canon: Ibn Kemāl and the Origins of Ottoman History Writing in the reign of Bāyezīd II (r. 1481-1512)."

Salas, Brian (History): "The Byzantine Empire's Themes: A Geographical Approach"

Stark, Donnie (History): "Cilician Armenia during the Reign of King Het'um, 1226-1270."

Sweis, Sami (NELC): "From Revolt to Mandate: Abdullah, the Hashimites, and Arabism, 1908-1925."

#### Completed Dissertations: [Date in brackets shows quarter in which defense occurred.]

Adil, Sabahat (NELC): *Al-Maqqari and his *Nafh al-tīb** [Spr. 15]

Ahmed, Manan (SALC): "Broken Standard. The Social Function of History, Myth and Memory of Muhan

Akpinar, Mehmetcan (NELC): "Abu Bakr and his Image in the Second/Eighth Century." [Spr 16]

Al-Sirry, Mun'im (Divinity School): "Reformist Muslim Approaches to the Polemics of the Qur'an against

Armstrong, Lyall (NELC): "The Qussas of the Umayyad Period."

Azizy, Qadri (NELC): "Ikhtilaf among Muslim Jurists: Translation and Analysis of al-Tahawi's Chapter o

- \*Bowman, Brad (NELC): Monasteries and monasticism in early Islamic Syria and Mesopotamia. [Win 2014]
- Brodsky, Yehonathan (Univ. of Texas at Austin, History): Philip K. Hitti and the Development of Middle Eastern Studies in America. [Spr 15]
- Brown, Jonathan (NELC): "The Canonization of the Sahih of al-Bukhari and Muslim." [Spr 06]
- Burke, Katherine Strange (NELC): "The Sheikh's House at Quseir al-Qadim: A Microcosm of Ayyubid Syria." [Spr 06]
- \*Cobb, Paul (NELC): "White Banners: Contention in Abbasid Syria, 750-877." [Win 97]
- \*Cook, David (NELC): "The Beginnings of Islam in Syria during the Umayyad Period." [Aut 01]
- DeGifis, Adrian (NELC): "The Depiction of 'Ali in the Writings of al-Jahiz," [Win 10]
- DeGifis, Vanessa (NELC): "Qur'anic Rhetoric in the Politics of the Early 'Abbasid Period." [Win 10]
- Eger, Asa (NELC): "The Spaces Between the Teeth: Environment, Settlement, and Interaction on the Early Islamic Frontier." [Spr 11]
- \*El-Bedawy, Emran (NELC): "The Qur'an and the Aramaic Gospel Tradition." [Spr 11]
- Fadel, Mohamed (NELC): "Adjudication in the Maliki Madhhab: A Study of Legal Process in Medieval Islam." [Spr 11]
- Green-Mercado, Marya T. (NELC): "Morisco Apocalypticism: Politics of Prophecy in the Early Modern Mediterranean." [Spr 11]
- Heck, Paul L. (NELC): "Qudama ibn Ja'far 9d. 337/948) and his *Kitab al-kharaj wa sina'at al-kitaba*." [Spr 11]
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Courses taught at the University of Chicago, 1982-present:

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- Early Islamic History (2-quarter graduate seminar).
- Islamic Origins (2-quarter graduate seminar).
- The High Caliphate (2-quarter graduate seminar).
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- Early Islamic Historiography (graduate seminar).
- Muhammad and the Qur'an (seminar).

- Topics in Medieval Islamic Social History (undergraduate/graduate seminar).
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- Sexual Harassment Complaint Advisor, Provost's Office, 2002-2005.
- Search Committee for new Dean of Humanities, 1999-2000 and 2003-04.
- Panel on Unlawful Harassment, Provost's Office, 2006-2009.
- College Council (2008-2011)
- Campus Planning Committee (2008-present); chair, 2009--.
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Humanities Division:

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The Oriental Institute:

- Chairman of O.I. Priorities Committee, 1984-85, 1989-90; service on this Aramaic search committee, 1985-86.
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Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations:

- Chairman of Department, 7/1/1997-6/30/2002.
- Chairman, NELC Priorities Committee, 1985-86.
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