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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 – present **The Ohio State University** (Columbus, OH), Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, Professor
2015 – 2020 **The Ohio State University** (Columbus, OH), Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Associate Professor
Autumn 2013 **Institute for Advanced Study** (Princeton, NJ), School of Historical Studies, Member and Andrew W. Mellon Fellow
2010 – 2015 **University of Oregon** (Eugene, OR), Department of History, Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
A.M., Ph.D., with honors, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, August 2009

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Religion and Society in Late Antiquity and Medieval Islam
Early Canonical Literatures of Islam (Qur'an and Hadith)
Statecraft and Political Thought from the Early Islamic period (ca. AD 600-1250)
Comparative Apocalypticism and Messianism

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of the International Qur'anic Studies Association* (2022- present)
(<https://www.degruyterbrill.com/journal/key/jiqsa/html>)
Editorial Board, *Library of Arabic Literature* (www.libraryofarabicliterature.org)
Editorial Board, *Al-'Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists*
(<https://journals.library.columbia.edu/index.php/alusur/about>)

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Arabic edition and English translation of the *Sīrat 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz (The Virtues and Policies of 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz)* by Abū Muḥammad Ibn 'Abd al-Ḥakam (d. AD 829)
- *"By the Pen and What They Write": The Early Text of the Qur'an between Orality and Materiality (ca. AD 650-750)*

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2020 *Muhammad and the Empires of Faith: The Making of the Prophet of Islam*. Oakland: University of California Press.

- Arabic translation: *Muḥammad wa-imbarātūriyyāt al-īmān: tashakkul nabiyy al-Islām*, trans. ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Wazzāf. Baghdad: Dār Apkallu, 2023.
- 2014 *Crucifixion and Death as Spectacle: Umayyad Crucifixion in Its Late Antique Context*. American Oriental Series 96. New Haven: American Oriental Society.
- 2012 *The Caliph and the Heretic: Ibn Saba’ and the Origins of Shī’ism*. Islamic History and Civilization 91. Leiden: Brill.
- Arabic translation: *al-Khilāfah wa-l-ghuluww: Ibn Saba’ wa-ṣadr al-tashayyu’*, trans. Hekmat Dirbas. Beirut: Dār al-Bashā’ir al-Islāmiyyah, *forthcoming*.
- 2010 Harald Motzki, with Nicolet Boekhoff-van der Voort and Sean W. Anthony. *Analysing Muslim Traditions: Studies in Legal, Exegetical, and Maghāzī Ḥadīth*. Islamic History and Civilization 78. Leiden: Brill.

Translations and scholarly editions

- 2024 Strategius of Mar Saba (fl. early-7th cent AD). *The Capture of Jerusalem by the Persians in 614 CE*. Introduced, translated, and annotated by S.W. Anthony and S.J. Shoemaker. Late Antique and Medieval Islamic Near East 5. Chicago: Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures.
- 2014 Ma‘mar ibn Rāshid al-Azdī (d. 770 AD). *The Expeditions (Kitāb al-maghāzī): An Early Biography of Muḥammad*. Edited, translated, and annotated by S.W. Anthony. New York: New York University Press and the Library of Arabic Literature.

Articles and book reviews in peer-reviewed journals, edited works, and encyclopedias

Forthcoming

- “Muḥammad the Ṣābian: a neglected topos in the *ḥadīth* literature”
 - “The Emirate of ‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib (36-40/656-61) and the Menace of the *Ṭulaqā*”
 - “The Creation,” in *Biblical Traditions in the Qur’an*, ed. Nicolai Sinai, Marianna Klar, Gabriel S. Reynolds, and Holger M. Zellentin. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
 - “The Testament of ‘Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib (d. 40/661) and the Fate of the His Estates in the Hijaz,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Shi‘i Islam*, ed. Sajjad Rizvi and Ahab Bdaiwi. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2026 “Battles”; “Codification”; “Companions of the Elephant”; “Cosmology”; “Crucifixion”; “Emigration”; “Ignorance/Age of Ignorance”; “Muhammad”; “Sabians,” in *The Yale Dictionary of the Qur’an*, ed. Gabriel Said Reynolds, Marianna Klar, Mun‘im Sirry, and Hythem Sidky (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press).
- 2026 “Revisiting *The Letter to the Proponents of Freewill (al-Risālah ilā l-Qadariyyah)* attributed to the Umayyad caliph ‘Umar b. ‘Abd al-‘Azīz (r. 99-101/717-720),” in *Lives in Adab: Studies in Honour of Julia Bray*, ed. Alexander Matthew Key and Letizia Ostia (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press), 339-360.
- 2025 “The Arabs and the *Ummah* of Muḥammad,” *Der Islam* 102.2: 363-408.
- 2025 “The Early Aramaic *Toledot Yeshu* and the End of Jesus’s Earthly Mission in the Qur’an,” *Studies in Late Antiquity* 9.2: 151-185.
- 2025 “The Justly Killed Imam: A Mu‘tazilī Defense of the Murder of ‘Uthmān ibn ‘Affān (r. 23-36/644-656),” *Journal of Abbasid Studies* 12.2: 113-168.

- 2025 "The Eschatological Muḥammad: Post-Qur'ānic Prophetology in Arabic Inscriptions from the 7th-8th Centuries AD," *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 56: 165-219.
- 2024 "A 'Rediscovered' Letter of the Umayyad Caliph 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz (r. 717-720 CE): Caliphal Authorship and Legal Authority in *al-Risāla fī l-Fay'*," in *Rulers as Authors in the Islamic World: Knowledge, Authority and Legitimacy*, ed. Sonja Brentjes, Maribel Fierro, and Tilman Seidensticker, *Islamic History and Civilization* 213 (Leiden: Brill), 47-88.
- 2024 Review of Ibrahim Mohamed Zein and Ahmed El-Wakil, *The Covenants of the Prophet Muḥammad: From Shared Historical Memory to Peaceful Co-Existence* (London and New York: Routledge, 2023), in *Islamochristiana* 50: 390-399.
- 2022 "The Virgin Annunciate in the Meccan Qur'an: Q. Maryam 19:19 in Context," *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 81.2: 363-385.
- 2022 Review of Alain George, *The Umayyad Mosque of Damascus: Art, Faith, and Empire in Early Islam* (London: Gingko, 2021), in *The Burlington Magazine* 164 (August): 814-815.
- 2022 Review of Ryan J. Lynch, *Arab Conquests and Early Islamic Historiography: The "Futuh al-Buldan" of al-Baladhuri* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2020), in *Studies in Late Antiquity* 6.1: 202-206.
- 2021 "Prophetic Dominion, Umayyad Kingship: Species of *Mulk* in the Early Islamic Polity," in *The Umayyad World*, ed. Andrew Marsham (London: Routledge), 36-64.
- 2020 "The Conversion of Khadīja bint Khuwaylid," in *Conversion to Islam in the Premodern Age: A Sourcebook*, ed. Nimrod Hurvitz, Christian Sahner, Uriel Simonsohn, and Luke Yarbrough (Oakland: University of California Press), 46-50.
- 2019 "Two 'Lost' *Sūras* of the Qur'ān: *Sūrat al-Khal'* and *Sūrat al-Ḥafd* between Textual and Ritual Canon (1st-3rd/7th-9th Centuries)," *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 46: 67-112.
- 2019 "The Satanic Verses in Early Shi'ite Literature: A Minority Report on Shahab Ahmed's *Before Orthodoxy*," *Shii Studies Review* 3.1-2: 215-252.
- 2019 "Ma'mar b. Rāshid," in *The Encyclopædia of Islam, THREE*, ed. Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett Rowson (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007-).
https://doi.org/10.1163/1573-3912_ei3_COM_27475
- 2018 "Why does the Qur'ān Need the Meccan Sanctuary? Response to Professor Gerald Hawting's 2017 Presidential Address," *Journal of the International Qur'anic Studies Association* 3: 25-41.
- 2018 "Early Arabo-Islamic Epigraphy and the Positivist Fallacy: a brief communication," *al-'Uṣūr al-Wustā* 26: 201-207.
- 2018 "Ibn Mas'ūd, 'Abdallāh," in *The Encyclopædia of Islam THREE*, eds. Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett, Rowson (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007-). URL: https://doi.org/10.1163/1573-3912_ei3_COM_30638
- 2018 "Jurayj," in *The Encyclopædia of Islam THREE*, eds. Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett, Rowson (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007-). URL: https://doi.org/10.1163/1573-3912_ei3_COM_32885
- 2018 "Maghāzī," in *The Encyclopædia of Islam, THREE*, eds. Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett, Rowson (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007-). URL: https://doi.org/10.1163/1573-3912_ei3_COM_35961

- 2017 (with Matthew S. Gordon) "Ibn Wāḍiḥ al-Ya'qūbī: A Biographical Sketch," in *The Works of Ibn Wāḍiḥ al-Ya'qūbī: An English Translation*, 3 vols., ed. Matthew Gordon, Chase Robinson, Everett Rowson, and Michael Fishbein, Islamic History and Civilization 152 (Leiden: Brill), 1: 9-22.
- 2017 Review of ʿAmmār ibn ʿAmr al-Ghaṭafānī (d. 200/815), *Kitāb al-Taḥrīsh*, ed. Hüseyin Hansu and Mehmet Kaskin (Istanbul: Shirkat Dār al-Irshād, 2014), in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 76.1: 199-203.
- 2016 (with Catherine Bronson) "Did Ḥafṣah bint ʿUmar Edit the Qurʾān? A Response with Notes on the Codices of the Prophet's Wives," *Journal of the International Qurʾanic Studies Association* 1: 93-126.
- 2016 "Muḥammad, Menaḥem, and the Paraclete: New Light on Ibn Ishāq's (d. 150/767) Arabic Version of John 15:23-16:1," *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 79.2: 255-278.
- 2016 "Was Ibn Wāḍiḥ al-Ya'qūbī a Shi'ite Historian? The State of the Question," *al-ʿUṣūr al-Wuṣṭā* 24: 15-41.
- 2015 "Ibn al-Zubayr's Meccan Prison and the Imprisonment of Muḥammad ibn al-Ḥanafiyya," *The Heritage of Arabo-Islamic Learning: Studies Presented to Wadad Kadi*, ed. Maurice Pomerantz and Aram Shahin, Islamic History and Civilization 122 (Leiden: Brill), 3-29.
- 2015 "Fixing John Damascene's Biography: Historical Notes on His Family Background," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 23.4: 607-627.
- 2015 Review of Asad Q. Ahmad, *The Religious Elite of the Early Islamic Hijaz: Five Prosopographical Studies*, *Prosopographia et Genealogica* 14 (Oxford: Unit for Prosopographical Research, 2011), in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 74.1: 167-169.
- 2015 Review of David S. Powers, *Zayd* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014), in *Review of Qurʾanic Research* 1.
- 2014 "Further Notes on the Word *Ṣibgha* in Qurʾān 2:138," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 59.1: 117-129.
- 2014 "Muḥammad, the Keys to Paradise, and the *Doctrina Iacobi*: A Late Antique Puzzle," *Der Islam* 91.2: 243-265.
- 2013 "Bazīgh b. Mūsā," in *The Encyclopædia of Islam THREE*, eds. Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett, Rowson (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007-). URL: https://doi.org/10.1163/1573-3912_ei3_COM_25274
- 2013 "Ghurābiyya," in *The Encyclopædia of Islam THREE*, eds. Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett, Rowson (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007-). URL: https://doi.org/10.1163/1573-3912_ei3_COM_27475
- 2013 "Nawbakhti Family," in *Encyclopædia Iranica*, ed. Ehsan Yartshater (New York: Encyclopædia Iranica Foundation, 1983-). URL: <https://www.iranicaonline.org/articles/nawbakhti-family>
- 2013 "Kaysaniya," in *Encyclopædia Iranica*, ed. Ehsan Yartshater (New York: Encyclopædia Iranica Foundation, 1983-), 16.2: 183-188. URL: <https://www.iranicaonline.org/articles/kaysaniya>
- 2013 Review of *Epistles of the Brethren of Purity: On Magic I, An Arabic Critical Edition and English Translation of Epistle 52a*, ed. and trans. Godefroid de Callataÿ and Bruno Halflants, forward by Nader El-Bizri (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2012), in: *HOPOS* 3.2: 384-387.

- 2012 "Who was the Shepherd of Damascus? The Enigma of Jewish-Messianist Responses to the Islamic Conquests in Umayyad Syria and Mesopotamia," in *The Lineaments of Islam: Studies in Honor of Fred McGraw Donner*, ed. Paul M. Cobb, Islamic History and Civilization 95 (Leiden: Brill), 21-59.
- 2012 "The Mahdī and the Treasures of al-Ṭālaqān: Zaydī Imāms and Imāmī-Shīʿite Apocalypticism," *Arabica* 59.5: 459-483.
- 2012 "'Alī (c. 599-661 CE), fourth caliph"; Ḥasan (c. 624-669 CE), son of 'Alī"; "Umar (c. 580-644 CE), second caliph"; and "Uthmān (c. 580-656 CE), third caliph," in *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, ed. Gerhard Böwering *et al.* (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- 2012 "Chiliastic Ideology and Nativist Rebellion in the Early 'Abbāsīd Period: Sunbādh and the *Jāmāsp-Nāmāh*," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 132.4: 641-655.
- 2012 Review of Christian Lange, *Justice, Punishment, and the Medieval Muslim Imagination* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008), in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 71.1: 102-104.
- 2011 "The Legend of 'Abdallāh ibn Saba' and the Date of *Umm al-Kitāb*," *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 3rd ser., 21.1: 1-30.
- 2011 Review of Ruth Glasner, *Averroës' Physics: A Turning Point in Medieval Natural Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2009), in *HOPOS* 1.1: 175-178.
- 2010 "The Prophecy and Passion of al-Ḥārīṭ ibn Sa'īd al-Kaḍḍāb: Narrating a Religious Movement from the Caliphate of 'Abdalmalik ibn Marwān," *Arabica* 57.1: 1-29.
- 2010 "Dionysius of Tell Maḥrē's Syriac Account of the Assassination of 'Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb," *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 69.2: 209-224.
- 2009 "The Domestic Origins of Imprisonment: An Inquiry into an Early Islamic institution," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129.4: 571-596.
- 2009 "Sayf ibn 'Umar's Account of 'King' Paul and the Corruption of Ancient Christianity," *Der Islam* 85.1: 164-202.

RECENT/ FORTHCOMING LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited respondent, "Eurasia Key Concept Colloquium on ,Religion,'" Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria (3 December 2025).

"Alexander the Great and the Setting Sun: An Enigma of Late Ancient Cosmology and Its Qur'anic Reception," invited keynote lecture as guest of honor for the 35. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen, Germany (10 September 2025)

"The Emirate of 'Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib (36-40/656-61) and the Threat of the *Ṭulaqā*," invited conference lecture, *The Legacy of Ali*, St. John's College, Oxford University (9-11 July 2025)

"The Testament of 'Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib (d. 40/661) and the Fate of the His Estates in the Hijaz under the Umayyads," invited conference lecture, *Shī'i Studies: New Directions and Perspectives*, Leiden University (24-25 February 2025)

"Gathering in Jerusalem at the End of the World: The Prophet Muḥammad as Eschatological Intercessor in Early Arabic Epigraphy," invited guest lecture, School of Civic Life &

Leadership and the Center for Middle East & Islamic Studies, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (12 November 2024)

“The Ummah and the Arabs: Ethnicity and Ideology in the Formation of the Early Islamic Polity, AD 632-750,” Invited Guest Lecture, Pomona College, Claremont, CA (7 October 2024)

“The Justly Killed Imam: A Mu‘tazilī Defense of Regicide attributed to Abū ‘Alī al-Jubbā‘ī (d. 303/915),” The Sixteenth Conference of the School of Abbasid Studies, Università Ca’ Foscari Venice (13 July 2024)

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant (awarded August 2017, with Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon)

Mellon Fellowship for Assistant Professors and Membership, The Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies (Autumn 2013)

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship (2012 – 2013)

Zahid Ali Award of the Institute of Ismaili Studies (2011)

Brush Faculty Fellowship, University of Oregon Department of History (2011 – 2012)

Junior Faculty Development Grant, University of Oregon (Summer 2011)

Whiting Dissertation Year Fellowship (2008 – 2009)

Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School (2007 – 2008)

Provost’s Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago (Summer 2007)

University Unendowed Fellowship, University of Chicago (2006 –2007)

Grant for Persian Language Study, American Institute of Iranian Studies, Tehran, Iran (Summer 2005) - declined

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (2004 –2006)

Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Fellowship (Summer 2004, Summer 2006)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Oriental Society

Middle East Studies Association

Middle East Medievalists

International Quranic Studies Association