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Academic Positions

Northwestern University Law School, June 2007 to present

Associate Professor of Law
Associate Professor of History—Joint Appointment

University of Washington, Sept. 2004-June 2007

Assistant Professor of Law
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Affiliated Faculty of the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies
Affiliated Faculty of the Middle East Center at the Jackson School of International Studies

Boston University School of Law, Spring semester 2004

Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Islamic Legal Systems

Harvard College, Spring and Fall semesters, 2003

Teaching Fellow, History of the Modern Middle East, Professor Roger Owen

Education

Harvard University, Department of History and Center for Middle Eastern Studies
Ph.D., 2004

The University of Texas School of Law

J.D., High Honors, 1993
Associate Editor, *Texas Law Review*
Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Texas Journal of Women and the Law*
Chancellors Honor Society
Order of the Coif

The University of Texas at Austin

B.A., magna cum laude, 1989, in Honors Middle Eastern Studies and Government
Phi Beta Kappa
Friar Honor Society

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Publications

Comparative Evidence Law (Peter Nicolas, co-editor). Contract with Carolina Academic Press. Writing section on Egypt. In progress.

Law and Order in Medieval Cairo (book manuscript from Ph.D. dissertation). In progress.

Book Review of Rudolph Peters, *Crime and Punishment in Islamic Law* (Cambridge, 2005), forthcoming in the *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*.

“Constitutional Authority and Subversion: Egypt’s New Presidential Election System,” 16 *Indiana Int’l and Comp. L. Rev.* (335-373) (2006).

“Recognizing the Individual: The *Muhtasibs* of Early Mamluk Cairo and Fustat,” 7 *Harvard Middle East and Islamic Review* (1-40) (2006).

“Islamic Law and the Making and Remaking of the Iraqi Legal System,” 36 *Geo. Wash. Int’l L. Rev.* (695-756) (2004).

“Public and Private as Viewed through the Work of the *Muhtasib*,” with Roy P. Mottahedeh, 70(3) *Social Research Journal* (fall 2003).

Conferences and Academic Presentations

“Islamic Finance in American Courts,” presented at conference on Islamic Finance at the University of Wisconsin at Madison Law School, March 2-3, 2007.

“Punishment in Law and Practice by the Mamluk-Era *Muhtasibs*,” presented at panel entitled Punishment and Discipline in the Islamic Middle Ages, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2006.

“The Power of the *Muhtasibs* of Early Mamluk Cairo and Fustat in Cases of Food Availability and Pricing,” presented at and funded by the American Research Center in Egypt/Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale du Caire Conference, Exercising Power in the Age of the Sultanates: Production, Manifestation, Reception Part II, Cairo, Egypt, March 25-25, 2006.

Moderator, Amnesty International (U.S.) Lawyers’ Conference, U.W. Law School, Feb. 20-21, 2006.

“Constitution Under Fire: Understanding the Iraqi Constitution,” talk presented at San Diego State University, February 14, 2006.

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“Islamic Law and Female Judges in Egypt,” presented at Islamic Law Section panel, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2006.

Discussant on Panel “Education and Islamic Legal Subjects in Asia,” Islam, Asia, and Modernity Conference, University of Washington, May 5-8, 2005.

Guest Lecture, “Fundamentals of Islamic Finance Law,” April 22, 2005, University of Wisconsin Law School.

“Iraq: Democracy and State-Building,” presented at Symposium Democratization and the Middle East: Promises and Challenges, University of California Hastings College of Law, April 11, 2005.

“The *Muhtasibs* of Cairo and Fustat as Indicators of Mamluk Sultanic Power and Weakness,” presented at and funded by the American Research Center in Egypt/Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale du Caire Conference, Exercising Power in the Age of the Sultanates: Production, Manifestation, Reception, Part I, Cairo, Egypt, March 26-27, 2005.

Presentation on teaching Islamic Law at the Open Program on Islamic Law, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Jan. 8, 2005.

“The *Muhtasib*, Law, and Society in Early Mamluk Cairo and Fustat,” presented at the workshop “The Use of Legal Sources in the Study of Islamic History,” Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program, May 14-15, 2004.

“Morals, Markets, and Mass Protests: Regulating Medieval Cairo,” presented at Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Nov. 13, 2003.

“Islamic Administrative Law in Medieval Cairo,” presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2002.

“Price-Setting and Hoarding in Bahri Mamluk Cairo,” presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2000.

“Between Law and Application—The *Muhtasib* of Bahri Mamluk Egypt,” presented at the workshop “Text and Context,” Ben Gurion University, Beersheva, Israel, June 6, 2000.

“Extremism’s New Forum: The Case of Nasr Abu Zayd,” presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1999.

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Academic and Research Honors and Fellowships

Carnegie Corporation of New York, Research Scholarship (\$100,000) for research project on constitutionalism in Egypt, Morocco, and Malaysia (2007-2009)
U.W. Simpson Center for the Humanities Research Fellowship, course release for Spring quarter 2007 (granted to complete book manuscript from dissertation)
Honorable Mention for Ph.D. dissertation, awarded by the Middle East Studies Association, November 2005
U.W. Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy Research Grant for research in Cairo, Egypt, June 2005
U.W. Law School Shidler Center for Law and Technology Faculty Research Grant, 2004-2005
Visiting Researcher at Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program, 2003-04
Harvard University Dissertation Writing Grant, 2002-03
American Research Center in Egypt Research Grant, Spring 2002
Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Grant for dissertation research in Egypt, 2000-2001
Harvard University Sheldon Traveling Grant for dissertation research in Egypt, 2000-2001
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for Arabic Studies, 1997-2000; 2002-03
IIE Fulbright for Arabic language study in Kuwait, 1989-1990

Teaching Awards

U.W. Law School Small Section Professor of the Year, Spring 2006
Finalist for the U.W. Law School Large Section Professor of the Year, Spring 2006
Finalist for the U.W. Law School Large Section Professor of the Year, Spring 2005
Nominated for the U.W. Distinguished Teaching Award, Fall 2004
Derek Bok Teaching Excellence Award, Harvard University, teaching assistantship for Professor Roger Owen, History of the Modern Middle East

Community and Professional Presentations

Invited by the U.S. Congressional Research Service and Congressional Human Rights Caucus to give expert testimony on contemporary Islamic laws relating to divorce, July 25, 2006 (declined due to schedule conflict).

“The Trial of Saddam Hussein,” Radio commentary for NPR’s All Things Considered, Feb. 16, 2006.

“The Iraqi Constitution: A Closer Reading,” for NPR.org (www.npr.org/news/specials/iraq_constitution/index2/html).

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Presentation to the Department of the Army, 2D Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Lewis, Washington, on matters of Islamic and Iraqi law (with Political Science Professor Ellis Goldberg), Sept. 16, 2005.

“Mubarak’s Democratic Charade,” legal website JURIST, Sept. 15, 2005, (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forumy/2005/09/mubaraks-democratic-charade.php>).

“Iraq’s New Constitution and Democratization in the Middle East,” presentation to the Washington State Bar Association, Aug. 30, 2005.

“Politics and the Constitution in Iraq,” Chicago Public Radio (NPR affiliate), Aug. 17, 2005.

“Iraqi Statehood,” Seattle Public Radio (NPR affiliate), Aug. 16, 2005.

“Beyond the Stereotypes: Muslim Women and the Laws that Govern Them,” presentation to the Washington State Attorneys General, June 13, 2005.

“Iraq: Whose Constitutional Process? Whose Constitution,” legal website JURIST, April 19, 2005 (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forumy/2005/04/iraq-whose-constitutional-process.php>).

Interview discussing the Iraqi elections on Seattle Radio KKNW, Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005.

External Review

External Grant Reviewer, United States Institute of Peace, Islamic and Middle Eastern-related proposals.

External book reviewer for the Institute of Asian and African Studies, The Hebrew University; Columbia University Press; State University of New York Press.

Professional Legal Experience

Attorney, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Moscow, Russia, June-August 1997

Work included conducting oral interviews with Afghan refugees in Russia to assess asylum claims.

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Attorney, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, 1993-1996

Moscow, Russia office, 1995-1996: Work included advising Russian state entities on privatization strategies; representing U.S. investors in joint venture projects with Russian entities.

Washington, D.C. office, 1993-1995: Work included representing the State of Kuwait before the United Nations Compensation Commission to assess damages as a result of the Iraqi invasion; monitoring trial of Kurdish politicians in Ankara, Turkey with the International Human Rights Law Group; representing asylum claimants in the U.S.

Professional Memberships

Member (inactive status), The State Bar of Texas
Middle East Studies Association
The American Society of Comparative Law