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Professional Experience

June 2007—Present U. Pitt. School Of Law Pittsburgh
Associate Dean of Research & Faculty Development (June 2013-Present)
Professor of Law (July 2016-Present)

Associate Professor of Law (July 2012-June 2016)

Assistant Professor of Law (2007-June 2012)

Subjects: Contracts, Commercial Transactions, Islamic Law.

Areas of Research: Islamic Law and Finance, Shi'ism, Middle Eastern Commercial Law, Iraqi Law, Shi'i Family Law, Iraqi Constitutional Law, Arab Legal Pluralism, Transnational Commercial Law.

Law School Committees (2012-17):

Writing Awards (2016-17); Colloquium (ex officio)(2016-17); Teaching (2015-2016);
Colloquium (ex officio)(2015-2016); Evaluation (Chair, for S. Velez) (2015-16);
Scholarship Promotion (ad hoc)(ex officio) (2015-16); Steering (2008-2009, 2014-15);
Colloquium (Chair) (2013-2015); Appointments (Chair) (2012-2013);
Budget (2011-2013); Ad Hoc Committee on Bar Examination Results (2011-2012);
Dean's Search (2011-2012); Legal Writing Awards (2011-2012).

AALS (American Association of Law Schools) Sections:

Islamic Law Section Chair (2014-2015); Islamic Law Section Chair Elect (2013-2014);
Islamic Law Executive Committee (2008-2013; 2015-present);
Comparative Law Section Executive Committee (2012-2013).

ABILA (American Branch of the International Law Association) Sections:

Chair, Islamic Law Section (Oct. 1 2015-Present); Co-Rapporteur, Islamic Law Section (2011-2015)

July 2005—June 2007 Columbia Law School New York City
Associate in Law

Dec. 2003—July 2005 DePaul University Baghdad, Iraq
Project Manager

Manager of a USAID funded project to reform legal education in Iraq. Coached first two Iraqi teams to participate in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition in Washington (2005 and 2006).

Dec. 2003-June 2004 Iraq Governing Council Baghdad, Iraq
Legal Advisor, Finance Committee

Engaged in legal review of all commercial and financial legislation presented to the Iraqi Governing Council for its approval, including current laws on money laundering, copyright, securities and bankruptcy.

Dec. 1997-May 2003 Debevoise & Plimpton Hong Kong, East Java and New York
Associate

Sept. 1996—Sept. 1997 Southern District of New York New York
Law Clerk to Hon. Constance Baker Motley

Awards and Other Activities

Academic

December 2015-Present

Legislative Consultant, Saudi Arabia Ministry of Commerce

Retained by Saudi Ministry of Commerce to (i) provide report on American commercial law, and potential areas of transplantation into Saudi Arabia, in connection with overhaul of Saudi Commercial Code and (ii) advise on content of draft Unified Commercial Code for the nations of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

September 2015-Present

Board Member, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union

May 2014

University of Pittsburgh School of Law Robert W. Harper Excellence in Teaching Award

March 2014

Kraemer Middle East Distinguished Scholar in Residence, College of William and Mary

The Kraemer Middle East Distinguished Scholar-In-Residence provides the opportunity for a renowned scholar and leading specialist in the area of law and governance in Islamic states to spend a short period of time at William & Mary sharing his or her expertise with the university community.

October 2011-Present

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Boston University Institute for Iraq Studies.

The Institute is part of Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences. Senior Fellows of the Institute are "established scholars whose work contributes significantly to understanding Iraq." The Institute's mission is "to enable, foster and encourage inter-disciplinary scholarship on contemporary Iraq, including but not limited to religious institutions and practices, politics, society, history and culture, as well Iraq's regional and international relations."

April-December 2009

Legislative Consultant

(On leave, Fall 2009). Based primarily in Baghdad working on a grant funded by the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. Primary responsibility is attending all meetings of the Constitutional Review Committee of the Iraqi legislature and participating in all discussions related to a critical series of constitutional amendments designed to ensure Sunni support of the Constitution.

May 2009

Hessel Yntema Prize, American Society of Comparative Law

Awarded annually to a scholar under the age of 40 for a comparative law article published in the American Journal of Comparative Law.

Summer 2008

Legal Consultant

Assisted International Human Rights Law Institute in collection and presentation of data relating to human rights violations committed by the Saddam regime in southern Iraq.

Dec. -April, 2007-2010

National Administrator, Jessup Competition

Advised, Escorted and Arranged for Participation of Iraqi Team in 2007-2010 Jessup International Moot Court Competitions.

Select Expert Testimony

January 2016-Present

Expert witness in high profile extradition proceedings in the United Kingdom relating to convictions filed in Iraq against former Iraqi bank official.

Spring 2014-Present

Expert witness in series of lawsuits filed by Iraqi civilians concerning alleged mistreatment while in detention in United Kingdom facilities.

Fall 2012

Court appointed expert witness to District Court of the Hague in the tort case against Frans Van Anraat, the Dutch citizen convicted of selling material to Saddam Hussein used to manufacture chemical weapons.

Fall 2012

Expert witness in multibillion dollar suit filed against the Iraqi Airways Corporation by Kuwaiti Airlines Corporation in courts in both the United Kingdom and Canada.

Spring-Summer 2010

Expert witness in series of cases filed against KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary, by former employees.

Fall 2009

Expert witness in cases filed by Iraqi citizens against the Blackwater Worldwide security company.

Summer 2008-September 2010

Expert witness for Guantanamo Bay detainee on issues concerning Iraqi and Islamic law and culture.

Education

2008 **Columbia Law School** **New York**
Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.)

1993-1996 **Columbia Law School** **New York**
Juris Doctor

1989-1993 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** **Cambridge, MA**
Bachelor of Science, Physics w. Electrical Engineering Minor
Bachelor of Science, Humanities (Islamic/Near Eastern Studies)

Publications

Books, Dissertations

- ISLAMIC LAW IN MODERN COURTS: CASES AND MATERIALS (Aspen 2016 forthcoming)
- ISLAMIC LAW IN A NUTSHELL (West 2016 forthcoming)
- [NEGOTIATING IN CIVIL CONFLICT: CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTION AND IMPERFECT BARGAINING IN IRAQ](#) (U. Chi. Press 2013)
- TOWARD A LEGAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE SHARI'A (Columbia University Dissertation, 2009)
- [HOWLING IN MESOPOTAMIA: AN IRAQI AMERICAN MEMOIR](#) (Beaufort Books 2008)

Law Review Articles, Book Chapters

- [The Political Codification of Islamic Law: A Closer Look at the Draft Shi'i Personal Status Code of Iraq](#), 33 AZ. J. INT. & COMP. L. __ (2016, forthcoming).
- [Sex and the Shari'a: Defining Gender Norms and Sexual Deviancy in Shi'i Islam](#), 39 FORDHAM INT. L. J. 25 (2015).
- [The Resolution of Disputes in State and Tribal Law in the South of Iraq: Toward a Cooperative Model of Pluralism](#) in NEGOTIATING STATE AND NON-STATE LAW: CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL AND LOCAL PLURALISM (Cambridge University Press 2015)(coauthored with Wasfi H. Al-Sharaa and Aqeel Al-Dahhan).
- [The Impossible, Highly Desired Islamic Bank](#), 5 WM. & MARY BUS. L. REV. 105 (2014)
- [Decolonizing the Centralist Mind: Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law](#), in THE INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW MOVEMENT: A CRISIS OF LEGITIMACY AND THE WAY FORWARD (Harvard University Press 2014)
- [Transparency and the Shi'i Clerical Elite](#), in INTERNATIONAL TRANSPARENCY HANDBOOK (E.Elgar 2014)

- [*Book Review: Islamic Law in Action: Authority, Discretion, and Everyday Experiences in Mamluk Egypt*](#), 28 J.L. & RELIGION 555 (2013)
- *On the Political Appeal of Islamic Finance*, 2013 SARAJEVO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, BUSINESS IN BETWEEN CULTURES (European Association of Banking and Financial History)
- [*Religious Minorities and Shari'a in Iraqi Courts*](#), 31 B.U. INT. L. J. 387 (2013)
- [*Arab Spring, Libyan Liberation and the Externally Imposed Democratic Revolution*](#), 89 DENV. U. L. REV. 699 (2012)
- [*Repugnancy in the Arab World*](#), 48 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 427 (2012)
- [*The Surprising Irrelevance of Islamic Bankruptcy*](#), 19 AM. BANKR. INST. L. REV. 505 (2011)
- [*The American Commercial Religion*](#), 10 DEPAUL BUS. & COM. L. J. 107 (2012)
- [*Notes in Defense of the Iraqi Constitution*](#), 14 U. PA. J. L. & SOC. CHANGE 395 (2011), *republished in* 33 U. PA. J. INT'L L. 1117 (2012)
- [*The Arabs in the \(Inter\)national*](#), 10 SANTA CLARA J. INT'L L. 187 (2012)
- [*International Law and Iraqi Courts*](#), in INTERNATIONAL LAW IN DOMESTIC COURTS: RULE OF LAW REFORM IN POST-CONFLICT STATES (Intersentia 2012)
- [*Thinking Beyond the Original Bargain: Post Ratification Constitution Making and the Case of Iraq*](#), APSA ANNUAL MEETING PAPER (2012).
- *The Will of the (Iraqi) People*, 2011 UTAH L. REV. 45 (2011)
- [*Present at the Resurrection: Islamic Finance and Islamic Law*](#), 26 AM. J. INT. L. 1107 (2011)
- [*Book Review: Constitutional Theocracy*](#), 49 OSGOODE HALL L. J. 151 (2011)
- [*Ornamental Repugnancy: Identitarian Islam and the Iraq Constitution*](#), 7 U. ST. THOM. L. REV. 692 (2010)
- [*Book Review: Islam and Liberal Citizenship*](#), 26 J. L. & REL. 387 (2011)
- [*Identitarian Violence and Identitarian Politics: Elections and Governance in Iraq*](#), 51 HARVARD INT'L L.J. ONLINE 82 (2010)
- [*The Death of Islamic Law*](#), 38 GA. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 293 (2010)
- [*Between Realism and Resistance: Shi'i Islam and the Contemporary Liberal State*](#), 11 J. ISLAMIC L. & CULTURE 107 (2009)
- [*Book Review: The Crisis of Islamic Civilization*](#), 47 OSGOODE HALL L. J. 159 (2009)
- [*Dream Palaces of Law: Western Constructions of the Muslim Legal World*](#), 32 HASTINGS INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 803 (2009)
- *Between Symbiosis and Schizophrenia: The Rights of Iraqi Refugees under Iraqi Law*, 34 RUTGERS L. REC. 31 (2009)
- *Book Review: Orientalism and The Fall and The Rise of the Islamic State*, 2 MID. E. L. & GOV. 81 (2009)
- [*The Muezzin's Call and the Dow Jones Bell: On the Necessity of Realism in the Study of Islamic Law*](#), 56 AM. J. COMP. L. 423 (2008) (Winner of the Hessel Yntema Prize Awarded by the American Society of Comparative Law to the Best Article in the AJCL by a Scholar Under the Age of 40)
- [*You Say You Want a Revolution: Interpretive Communities and the Origins of Islamic Finance*](#), 48 VA. J. INT'L L. 249 (2008)
- [*Baghdad Booksellers, Basra Carpet Merchants, and the Law of God and Man: Legal Pluralism and the Contemporary Muslim Experience*](#), 1 BERK. J. MIDDLE E. & ISLAMIC L. 83 (2008)
- [*Muhammad's Social Justice or Muslim Cant?: Langdellianism and the Failures of Islamic Finance*](#), 40 CORNELL INT'L L. REV. 89 (2007)
- [*Money Laundering Amidst Mortars: Legislative Process and State Authority in Post-Invasion Iraq*](#), 16 TRANS. L. & CONTEMP. PROB. 523 (2007)
- [*Jurisprudential Schizophrenia: On Form and Function in Islamic Finance*](#), 7 CHI. J. INT'L L. 605 (2007)
- [*Toward a Rule of Law Society in Iraq: Introducing Clinical Legal Education into Iraqi Law Schools*](#), 23 BERKELEY J. INT'L L. 112 (2005)

Online Articles for Jurist, a Leading Website for Legal News and Research

- *Understanding the Problems in Iraq's Draft Shi'i Personal Status Law* (March 31, 2014)
- *Iraqi Constitutional Division* (Dec. 28, 2013)
- *Iraq's Islamic Bank and the Islamicity of Interest* (Jan. 14, 2013)
- *Iraq Oil Sector Misfortunes* (Aug. 6, 2012)
- *Democracy and the Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt* (June 28, 2012)
- *Confederalization and Unanticipated Circumstances in Iraq* (June 6, 2012)
- *Judicial Review of Islamic Law under Iraq's Constitution* (Apr. 26, 2012).
- *Human Rights and Personal Freedoms in Iraq* (March 14, 2012)
- *Irregularities of Criminal Justice in Egypt and Iraq* (Feb. 27, 2012)
- *Post War Iraq: Slow and Steady Progress* (Dec. 14, 2011)
- *The Problem of Legitimacy in International Criminal Justice* (July 7, 2011)
- *Balance of Power Under the Iraqi Constitution* (March 18, 2011)
- *Religion and Law in Iraq: A Noteworthy Federal Supreme Court Opinion* (Feb. 10, 2011)
- *The Iraqi High Court's Understated Rise to Legitimacy* (April 23, 2010)
- *Kirkuk: The Danger of Delay* (Nov. 6, 2009)
- *Reconsidering the "Rule of Law" in Iraq* (Sept. 8, 2009)
- *Iraqi SOFA Jurisdiction Over US Soldiers: A Matter of Necessity* (Nov. 18, 2008)
- *Act of Commission: Iraq's Provincial Elections Law and the Problem of Kirkuk* (Sept. 30, 2008)
- *The Iraqi Oil Contract and the Importance of Independent Counsel* (July 9, 2008)
- *The Rule of Law and Lawless Contractors* (June 18, 2008).
- *The Role and Rule of Law in Iraq: An Insider's Perspective* (May 23, 2008)
- *The Kurdish-Shi'i Alliance and New Legislation in Iraq* (February 13, 2008)
- *A Modest Proposal on Kirkuk* (December 20, 2007)
- *Iraq's Parliament: A House (Even More) Divided* (November 28, 2007)
- *Shi'ism, Sunnism and State Authority in Iraq* (July 20, 2007)
- *The Hunt Oil Dispute and the Future of Iraqi Federalism* (Sept. 13, 2007)

Other Media, Articles

- *Navigating the Najaf Mantra with the Four Grand Ayatollahs* (*Daily Star Lebanon* Nov. 5, 2009)
- *The "Discovered" Supreme Leader and the Rule of Law* (*Daily Star Lebanon* Oct. 1, 2009)
- *Why an Iraq Ruled by Law is More Hopeful* (*Daily Star Lebanon*, July 9, 2009)
- *Legal Lip Service* (Forbes.com, April 21, 2008)
- *The Economic Rights of Displaced Iraqis, under Iraqi Law* (ILSA Quarterly 17:1, March 2008)

Blog

- Author of Blog on Islamic Law entitled *Islamic Law In Our Times* (<http://muslimlawprof.org>)

Presentations

Academic, Legal

- *Religious Conversion and Iraqi Courts: Promises and Perils*, Bayan Claremont Islamic University (April 23, 2016)
- *Real Estate and Islamic Finance*, American Bar Association Professors' Corner (April 12, 2016) (via video)
- *Islam and the Modern State*, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University (April 7-8, 2016)(commenter for papers by junior faculty)

- *Iraqi Law and the Protection of Antiquities*, Proceedings for the American Society of International Law (March 31, 2016)
- *Abrahamic Religions & The Middle East*, Duquesne University (Symposium on Inter-Religious Dialogue) (March 9, 2016)
- *Islamic Law Pedagogy*, University of California, Santa Barbara (February 20, 2016)
- *Islamic Law and Estate Planning for Muslim Clients*, American Bar Association Professors' Corner (February 9, 2016)(via video)
- *The Ironies of Shi'i Law*, National University of Singapore (December 11, 2015)
- *Lone Wolf Terrorism and the Classical Jihad: On the Contingencies of Violent Islamic Extremism*, Florida International University College of Law (October 22, 2015) (via videoconference)
- *Islamic Law in Modern Courts: Introduction to a Casebook*, Center for International Legal Education Twentieth Anniversary Conference (September 11, 2015)
- *Mediating Modern Law and Medieval Fiqh: On the Strategic Juristic Omission of the Najaf Jurists*, Center of Islam, Law and Modernity, Durham University (United Kingdom) (August 18, 2015)
- *Strategic Juristic Omission: On the Non-Muslim Bloodprice in Shi'i Islam*, Global Islamic Criminal Law Conference (May 1, 2015)
- *The Caliphate in Historical Context*, University of Pittsburgh (Conference on Countering Extremism) (April 10, 2015)
- *The State of the Iraqi Judiciary*, Rand Corporation (Arlington. VA) (April 2, 2015)
- *Iraq and Imperfect Constitution Making*, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (February 26, 2015)
- *Islamic Legal Realism*, Harvard Law School (June 2, 2014)
- *Conceptions of Maturity in Islamic and State Law*, Al Mahdi Institute (April 4, 2014)
- *Book Presentation on Negotiating in Civil Conflict*, Allegheny Harvard, Yale, Princeton Club (March 27, 2014)
- *Understanding the Shi'a Sunni Split*, Kraemer Distinguished Scholar Address, College of William and Mary (March 13, 2014)
- *Islam in the Iraq Constitution*, William and Mary Law School (March 12, 2014)
- *Commentary on The Struggle for Iraq's Future*, New York University School of Law (March 5, 2014)
- *Negotiating in Civil Conflict*, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (Jan. 23, 2014)
- *Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law*, Harvard Law School (Nov. 8, 2013)
- *Constitution Making and Arab Spring Transitions*, Wayne State University Law School (Sept. 6, 2013)
- *Religious Minorities in the Islamic State: The Example of Iraq*, Boston University Law School (March 25, 2013)
- *Legality in the Revolution*, Osgoode Hall, York University (March 15, 2013)
- *The Myth of the Islamic State*, Islamic Law Section, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 6, 2013)
- *Thinking Beyond the Original Bargain*, Fall 2012 Iraq Workshop, Boston University (November 30, 2012)
- *The Politics of Islamic Finance*, Business in Between Cultures, University of Sarajevo (November 16, 2012)
- *US Regulation of Islamic Finance*, International Law Weekend, Fordham University School of Law (October 27, 2012)
- *Shari'a in the Arab Spring*, Seasons of the Arab Spring, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh (March 30, 2012)
- *Islamic Law and the Islamic State*, Keynote Address, United States Military Academy (West Point) (March 29, 2012)
- *A Primer on the Shari'a*, Pittsburgh Area Jewish Council (Feb. 27, 2012)

- *Identifying Canon from Anticanon*, U. Maryland School of Law (Feb. 24, 2012)
- *Repugnancy and the Arab Canon*, Willamette School of Law (Feb. 15, 2012)
- *Transparency, Muslim Jurists and the Shari'a*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (Jan. 7, 2012)
- *Shari'a, Halacha, Canon Law: Threat or Threatened*, Rodef Shalom Congregation (sponsored by University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee) (Dec. 12, 2011)
- *Islamic Finance and Muslim Belonging*, Aston University (Birmingham, UK) (Dec. 3, 2011)
- *Islam and the Iraqi Constitution*, Earle Macke School of Law, Drexel University (Nov. 14, 2011)
- *The Surprising Irrelevance of Islamic Bankruptcy*, St. John's School of Law (Sept. 16, 2011)
- *The Role of NGO's Toward the Creation of a Culture of Democratization in the Middle East*, Lebanese American University (Beirut, Lebanon) (July 21, 2011)
- *Democracy and the Shari'a*, New York City Bar Association (May 25, 2011)
- *What is an Islamic Bank*, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California (Berkeley) (April 9, 2011)
- *The Evolution of the Iraq Constitution*, Widener University School of Law (Harrisburg) (March 22, 2011)
- *Iraqi Oil and Gas*, Tulsa University Law School, Tulsa, OK (February 26, 2011)
- *Islam and the International* (Commenter), Santa Clara University Law School, Santa Clara, CA (February 19, 2011)
- *Religious and State Loyalties in Iraq*, St. John's Law School, Queens, NY (November 5, 2010)
- *Minority Rights in Company Law: A Comparative Perspective*, Fordham University School of Law, to a Panel of Senior Iraqi Judges, New York, New York (October 8, 2010) (in Arabic)
- *U.S. and Iraqi Company Law*, Fordham University School of Law, to a Panel of Senior Iraqi Judges, New York, New York (October 7, 2010) (in Arabic)
- *The Challenges of Constitutional Supremacy in Iraq*, SJ Quinney School of Law, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT (October 2, 2010).
- *The Regulatory State in Iraq*, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (September 24, 2010)
- *Islamic Finance in the 21st Century* (Moderator and Commentator), Plenary Session, International Academy of Comparative Law, Washington DC (July 27, 2010)
- *Economic Reconstruction and the Rule of Law in Iraq*, University of South Carolina (May 12, 2010)
- *Ornamental Repugnancy*, St. Thomas University School of Law (April 12, 2010)
- *Arbitration in Arab Lands*, Columbia University School of Law, to the Legal Directorate of the Iraqi Oil Ministry (Feb. 16, 2010) (in Arabic)
- *Islamic Capital Markets and the Spirit of Shari'a*, New York City Bar Association Special Event (February 8, 2010)
- *Federalism in Iraq and Abroad*, Council of the Presidency of Iraq, (December 22, 2009) (in Arabic)
- *The Iraq Constitution and Presidential and Parliamentary Systems of Governance*, Council of the Presidency of Iraq (December 8, 2009) (in Arabic)
- *Decentralization in Iraq and in Comparative Perspective*, Conference with the Legal Committees of the Iraqi Provincial Councils (October 25, 2009) (in Arabic)
- *Teaching Islamic Law in Law School*, Venice Conference on Islamic Law Pedagogy (Sept. 17, 2009)
- *The Death of Islamic Law*, Duke University Law School (March 2, 2009)

- *Rhetoric and Reality in Islamic Finance*, Fordham University School of Law (February 26, 2009)
- *Why Do We Study Religious Law: Thoughts from the Islamic Perspective*, Jewish Law Section, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 6, 2009)
- *Rights of Iraqi Refugees under Domestic Iraqi Law*, Rutgers University (Newark) School of Law (October 24, 2008)
- *Dream Palaces of Law: Western Constructions of the Muslim Legal World*, Annual Conference of the American Society of Comparative Law (October 3, 2008)
- *Commerce among Merchants in Shi'i Iraq*, University of Cincinnati School of Law (April 25, 2008)
- *A Comparison of Shi'i and Sunni Approaches to Religious Authority in Contemporary Islam*, Univ. of Pittsburgh Dept. of Religious Studies (Feb. 13, 2008)
- *Fatawa in Shi'i Islam*, New York City Bar Association Special Event (January 22, 2008)
- *Islamic Finance, A View from the Mosque*, Asian Affairs Section, New York City Bar Association (January 15, 2008)
- *Liberalism and Shi'i Islam*, Yale University (December 7, 2007)
- *Shi'ism and Sunnism in Contemporary Iraq*, American Association of Law Schools (January 5, 2007)
- *Legal Realism and American Jurisprudence*, Qatar University Law School (December 1, 2006) (in Arabic)
- *Clinical Education and Iraqi Law Schools*, Conference on Arab Legal Education, Doha, Qatar (November 10, 2006) (in Arabic)
- *State Authority in Post Invasion Iraq*, George Washington Univ. Law School (October 3, 2006)

Other

- *The Tragedy of Iraq's Refugee Crisis*, Chicago Humanities Festival (November 6, 2008)
- *Iraq Between the Personal and the Political*, San Jose Book Expo (October 25, 2008)
- *Iraq at the Crossroads*, Al Hewan Center (August 9, 2008) (in Arabic)

Other

- Fluent in Arabic, proficient in German, Bahasa Indonesia.
- Admitted to practice in New York State and the Southern District of New York.