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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- BA (1967), English, Arabic, Persian, Economics: Government College, Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan
- MA (1969), English Literature: Government College, Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan
- MA (1980), Islamic Studies: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- PhD (1983), Islamic Studies: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
 - Advisor: James A. Bellamy

Scholarship, Awards, and Honors

- BA (1967) with three scholarships, one each for English, Arabic, and distinguished overall performance
- Fellowship, Summer Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1979
- Dissertation grant, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1982
- Predoctoral fellowship, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1982
- Award from the Vice President's Office for Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March 1990
- Faculty fellowship, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, spring/summer 1989
- Award from the Dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, August 1991
- Award from the Dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, "in recognition of your special efforts to make this College and University more than a collection of scholars," August 1991
- Award from the Vice President's Office for Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, September 1991
- University of Michigan Mentorship Program Recognition List, 1991
- Visiting fellowship, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Oxford, England, 1995–1996
- Distinguished Professorship in Scholarship, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 2001–2002

- Appointment, for three years (2001–2004), to the Advisory Committee of the Program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER), American Association for the Advancement of Science. Attended several biannual meetings in Washington, DC. Appointment renewed for three years (2004–2007)
- Member, Advisory Board, *Islamic Studies*, Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Member, Advisory Board, *Journal of Qur'anic Studies*, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, England
- Member, Advisory Board, *Islam & Science*, Sherwood Park, AB, Canada
- Member, Broader Social Impacts Committee, Human Origins Project, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, 2010–present

Other Distinctions

- Fourth position in the Punjab (Pakistan) Civil Service examination, 1971; appointment as executive magistrate; resigned in order to take up a teaching position
- Second position in the Federal (Pakistan) Civil Service examination, 1972–1973; received training for one year at the Academy for Administrative Training, Lahore, Pakistan; resigned in order to pursue Islamic Studies

Teaching Career

- 1969–1970, 1972–1973: English language and literature at three colleges in Lahore, Pakistan: Isha'at-i Ta'lim College, Government Degree College, and Islamia College (Civil Lines)
- 1979 (May–June): Islamic studies at the Academy for Administrative Training, Lahore, Pakistan
- 1980–1982: Graduate Teaching Assistant (Modern Standard Arabic), Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1983–1986: Visiting Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1986–1993: Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1993 (January–May): Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 1993 (June–October): Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- October 1993–1995: Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1995–1996: On leave from International Islamic University to the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies, Oxford, England
- 1996–present: University Professor of Islamic Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

Departmental and University Assignments

- Member, Fellowships Committee, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1987–1989

- Departmental representative, Minority Affairs, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1987–1992
- Member, Program Committee, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1990–1992
- Member, Executive Committee, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1991–1992
- Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, representative to the International Institute of Education meeting, New York, NY, April 1991
- Member, Executive Committee, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1991–1992
- Chairman, Curriculum Committee, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, December 1991–March 1992
- Member, Curriculum Subcommittee on Qur'an and Tafsir, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1993–1994
- Member, Curriculum Subcommittee on Usuluddin and Islamic Thought, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1993–1994
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 1996–1997
- Coordinator, Pluralism Project, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 1997–present
- Department Senator, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 1997–present
- Member, College of Arts and Sciences General Education Committee (CASGEC), Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 1998–2002
- Member, Promotion Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH 1999–2000
- Member, Personnel Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH
- Awards Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 2001
- Member, Diversity Council, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 2002–2004
- Member, Search Committee for Director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 2004
- Distinguished Professorship Awards Committee, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, Spring 2002
- Member, Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Sciences, 2004–2005
- Member, Search Committee for Director of the Center for International Studies and Programs
- Special Assistant to the Provost for International Initiatives, Center for International Studies and Programs, 2006

Books

1. *Coherence in the Qur'an: A Study of Islahi's Concept of Naz in Tadabbur-i Qur'an* (Indianapolis, IN: American Trust Publications, 1986)
2. *Dictionary of Qur'anic Terms and Concepts* (New York: Garland Publishing, Inc., 1987)

3. *Verbal Idioms of the Qur'an* (Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, 1989)
4. *Literary Heritage of Classical Islam: Studies in Honor of James A. Bellamy*, ed. Mustansir Mir in collaboration with Jarl E. Fossum (Princeton, NJ: The Darwin Press, 1993)
5. *Tulip in the Desert: A Selection of the Poetry of Muhammad Iqbal* (London: Hurst & Co., 2000 (concurrently published by McGill-Queen's University Press, Canada, and Orient Longman, India); Iqbal Academy Pakistan edition, 2007; later, a Malaysian edition)
6. *Iqbal* (I.B. Tauris, New York, and Oxford University Press, New Delhi), 2006
7. *Understanding the Islamic Scripture: A Study of Selected Passages from the Qur'an* (New York: Pearson Longman), 2007
8. Book (under contract with I.B.Tauris, in preparation; completion expected by mid-2016): *Mawdudi*, in the Makers of Islamic Civilization series

Chapters in Books

1. "Baquillani's Critique of Imru' al-Qays," in *Studies in Near Eastern Culture and History in Memory of Ernest T. Abdel-Massih*, ed. James A. Bellamy (Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, 1990), 118–131
2. "Jihad in Islam," in *The Jihad and Its Times: Dedicated to Andrew Stefan Ehrenkreutz*, ed. Hadia Dajani-Shakeel and Ronald A. Messier (Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, 1991), 113–126
3. "The Surah as a Unity: A 20th-Century Development in Qur'an Exegesis," in *Approaches to the Qur'an*, ed. Gerald Hawting and Abdelkader A. Shereef (London: Routledge, 1993), 211–224
4. "Passives in the Qur'an: Preliminary Notes," in *Literary Heritage of Classical Islam: Studies in Honor of James A. Bellamy*, ed. Mustansir Mir in collaboration with Jarl E. Fossum (Princeton, NJ: The Darwin Press, 1993), 169–179
5. "Teachings of Two Punjabi Sufi Poets," in *Indian Religions in Practice*, ed. Donald S. Lopez, Princeton Readings in Religion 1 (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1995), 518–529
6. "The Qur'anic Paradigm of Wisdom: Surat Luqman" [translation with notes], in John Renard, *Windows on the House of Islam* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998), 144–149
7. "Irony in the Qur'an: A Study of the Story of Joseph," in *Literary Structures of Religious Meaning in the Qur'an*, ed. Issa J. Boullata (Richmond, Surrey, England: Curzon, 2000), 173–187
8. "The Jewish and Christian Encounter with Modernity: Relevance for Muslims," in *Western Perceptions of Muslims; Muslim Perceptions of the West*, ed. Zafar I. Ansari and John L. Esposito (Islamabad: Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University; Washington, DC: Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, 2001), 178–195
9. "Kabbalah and Sufism: A Comparative Look at Jewish and Islamic Mysticism," in *Jewish-Muslim Encounters: History, Philosophy, and Culture*, ed. Charles Selengut (St. Paul, MN: Paragon House, 2001), 165–179
10. "Christian Perspectives on Religion and Science and Their Significance for Modern Muslim Thought," in *God, Life, and the Cosmos: Christian and Islamic Perspectives*, ed. Ted Peters et al. (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2002), 99–124

11. "Islamic Views of Jesus," in *Jesus in World Religions: Leading Thinkers from Five Religions Reflect on His Meaning*, ed. Gregory A. Barker (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2005), 115–124
12. "Peace and Justice in the Qur'an," in themed issue, "Christianity and Islam," *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics*, 15 (2005), 36–42
13. "Scriptures in Dialogue: Are We Reckoning without the Host?" In Michael, Ipgrave, ed. *Bearing the Word: Prophecy in Biblical and Qur'anic Perspective*. London: Church House Publishing, 2005. 13–20. Proceedings of the Building Bridges Seminar, hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury
14. "The Qur'an, the Word of God," in *The Voices of Islam*, vol. 1, *Voices of Tradition*, Praeger Perspectives, ed. Vincent J. Cornell (Westport, CT, 2007), 47–61
15. "Language," in Andrew Rippin, ed., *Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an*, ed. Andrew Rippin (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2006), 88–106
 16. "The Urdu Qur'anic Commentary of Muhammad Shafi' (d. 1976): *Ma'arifu'l-Qur'an*" in Suha Taji-Farouki, ed., *The Qur'an and Its Readers Worldwide: Contemporaries and Translations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, in association with the Institute for Isma'ili Studies, 2015), 195–215
17. "The Qur'anic Text," in Vol. 1 of a six-volume series on Islam sponsored by UNESCO, Paris, ed. Dr. Zafar I. Ansari and Ismail Nawwab, forthcoming
 18. Iqbal's *The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam*, in Khalid El-Rouayheb, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Islamic Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
 19. "Ibn al-Farid's *The Wine Song* and Iqbal's *Satan's Advisory Council*," in Susan Felch, ed., Cambridge University Press, forthcoming
 20. "The Inner Dynamic of the Qur'anic Sura," in Abdel Haleem and Mustafa Shah, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Qur'anic Studies*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Journal Articles

1. "Islahi's Concept of Sura-Pairs," *Muslim World* 73 (1983), 1:22–32
2. "Comparative Study of a Few Verses in Islahi and Other Scholars," *Hamdard Islamicus* 7 (1984), 1:25–36
3. "Islahi's Concept of Sura-Groups," *Islamic Quarterly* 28 (1984), 2:73–85
4. "Some Features of Mawdudi's Qur'an Commentary," *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (formerly: *American Journal of Islamic Studies*) 2 (1985), 2:233–244
5. "The Qur'anic Story of Joseph: Plot, Themes, and Characters," *Muslim World* 76 (1986), 1:1–15
6. "Nature of the Qur'anic Legislation," *International Journal of Islamic and Arabic Studies* 2 (1985), 2:13–20
7. "The Qur'an as Literature," *Religion and Literature* 20 (1988), 1:49–64
8. "Adam in the Qur'an," *Islamic Culture* 62 (1988), 1:1–11
9. "The Qur'anic Oaths: Farahi's Interpretation," *Islamic Studies* 29 (1990), 1:5–27
10. "Between Grammar and Rhetoric (*Balaghah*): A Look at Qur'an 2:217," *Islamic Studies* 29 (1990), 3:277–285
11. "Humor in the Qur'an," *Muslim World* 81 (1991), 3–4:179–193

12. "Wordplay and Irony in Iqbal's Poetry," *Journal of Islamic Studies* 3 (1992), 1:72–93
13. "Dialogue in the Qur'an," *Religion and Literature* 24 (1992), 1:1–22
14. "*Fa-qad saghat qulubukuma*: The Interpretation of Qur'an 66:4 by Farahi and Islahi," *Journal of Qur'anic Studies* 1 (1999), 1:141–153
15. "Iqbal's Interpretation of *Surat al-Ikhlas*," *Intellectual Discourse* 10 (2002), 2:203–212
16. "Scientific Exegesis of the Qur'an—A Viable Project?" *Islam & Science* 2 (2004), 1:33–42
17. "Elephants, Birds, and Heaps of Pebbles: Farahi's Interpretation of *Surat al-Fil*," *Journal of Qur'anic Studies* 7 (2005), 1:33–47
18. "The Queen of Sheba's Conversion in Q 27:44: A Problem Examined," *Journal of Qur'anic Studies* 9 (2007), 2:43–56
19. "Continuity, Context, and Coherence in the Qur'an: A Brief History of the Idea of *Nazm* in the *Tafsir* Literature," *Al-Bayan* 11 (2013), 2:15–29
20. "Was Iqbal a Sufi?," [Danish] *Tidsskrift om Islam & Kristendom*, December 2013, 2:7–13

Dictionary and Encyclopedia Articles

1. *Harper's Dictionary of Religion* (Harper & Row; short articles, 50–100 words):
 - "Gabriel"
 - "Jinn"
 - "Qiblah"
2. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Muslim World*, ed. John L. Esposito (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995):
 - "Aqidah," 1:94–96
 - "Iman," 2:186–187
 - "Ghazali," 2:61–63
 - "Sin," 4:72–74
 - "The Qur'an in Muslim Thought and Practice," 3:394–396:
 - "Tafsir," 4:169–176
3. *Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Religion* (New York: MacMillan, 2002):
 - "Islamic Circle of North America," 1:334
 - "Islamic Society of North America," 1:334–335
 - "Islam," 1:331–334
 - "Jihad," 1:352–353
 - "Qur'an," 2:578–580
4. *Dictionary of Islam*, ed., John L. Esposito (Oxford, New York: 2003; short articles, 50–100 words):
 - "Farahi, Hamid ad-Din al-," 81
 - "Ghulat," 95
 - "Islahi, Amin Ahsan," 143
 - "Rahim, al-," 259
 - "Rahmah, al-," 259–260
 - "Rahman, al-," 260
5. *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an*, ed. Jane Dammen McAuliffe et al. (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2001–2006):
 - "Ashes," 1:184–185
 - "Bread," 1:255–256

- “Dialogues,” 1:531–535
 “Glorification of God,” 2:314
 “Glory,” 2:314–316
 “Grace,” 2:344–345
 “Qur’an as Literature and Qur’an in Literature” (with Wadad Kadi, University of Chicago)
 “Names of the Qur’an,” 3:505–515
 “Polytheism and Atheism,” 4:158–162
 “Theophany,” 5:275–276
 “Unity of the Text of the Qur’an,” 5:405–406
6. *Encyclopedia of Religion and War*, ed. Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez (New York: Routledge, 2004):
 “The Qur’anic View of War,” 207–211 (at: “Islam, Qur’anic”)
 7. *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* (Princeton: NJ: Princeton University Press, 2013)
 “Iqbal, Muhammad (1877–1938),” 259–260
 8. *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Islamic Studies*
 “Iqbal”
 9. *Encyclopedia of Humor Studies*, ed. Salvatore Attardo, 2 vols. (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2014):
 “[Humor in] Islam,” 1:402–406
 10. *Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science, and Technology in Islam*, ed. Ibrahim Kalin (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014):
 “al-Ghazali,” 1:265–270
 11. *Biographical Dictionary of Islam*, ed. Mustafa Shah, I.B.Tauris, London, forthcoming
 “Umar ibn ‘Abd al-‘Aziz”
 “Hamid al-Din al-Farahi”
 “Amin Ahsan Islahi”

Book Reviews

1. Muhammad Ibrahim Surti, *A Course in the Science of Reciting the Qur’an* (Leicester, England: The Islamic Foundation, 1988), *Islamic Studies* 28 (1989), 4:422
2. Andrew Rippin, *Approaches to the History of the Interpretation of the Qur’an* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1988), *Journal of the Islamic Social Sciences* 7 (1990), 3:437–439
3. Fazlur Rahman, *Health and Medicine in the Islamic Tradition: Change and Identity* (New York: Crossroad, 1989), *Religious Studies Review*
4. Tosh Arai and Wesley Ariarajah, eds., *Spirituality in Interfaith Dialogue* (Geneva: WCC Publications, 1989); Michael Barnes, *Religions in Conversation: Christian Identity and Religious Pluralism* (London: SPCK, 1989); Stuart E. Brown, ed., *Meeting in Faith: Twenty Years of Christian-Muslim Conversations Sponsored by the World Council of Churches* (Geneva: WCC Publications, 1988); Andrew Wingate, *Encounter in the Spirit: Muslim Christian Meetings in Birmingham* (Geneva: WCC Publications, 1988), *Muslim World Book Review*
5. Zafar Ishaq Ansari, *Towards Understanding the Qur’an: Translation of Mawdudi’s Tafhim al-Qur’an*, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 7 (1989), 2:257–258
6. Christopher Schackle, ed., *Urdu and Muslim South Asia: Studies in Honour of Ralph Russell*, *Journal of Islamic Studies* 4 (1993), 1:128–130

7. Jane Dammen McAuliffe, *Qur'anic Christians: An Analysis of Classical and Modern Exegesis* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 6 (1995), 2:254–256
8. Ahmad Zidan and Dina Zidan, *Translation of the Glorious Qur'an*, *Journal of Islamic Studies* 6 (1995), 2:256–257
9. Hanna Mikhail, *Politics and Revelation: Mawardi and After* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1995), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 8 (1997), 1:94–95
10. Barbara Freyer Stowasser, *Women in the Qur'an, Traditions, and Interpretation* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 9 (1998), 1:63–64
11. Farid Esack, *Qur'an, Liberation and Pluralism* (Oxford: Oneworld, 1997), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 10 (1999), 1:52–56
12. Naphthali Kinberg, *Lexicon of al-Farra's Terminology in His Qur'an Commentary* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1996) *Journal of Islamic Studies* 10 (1999), 2:178–179
13. F. E. Peters, ed., *Mecca: A Literary History of the Muslim Holy Land* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 10 (1999), 2:178–179
14. Al-Sayyid Abu al-Qasim al-Musawi al-Khu'i, *Prolegomena to the Qur'an*, translated with an introduction by Abdulaziz A. Sachedina (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 10 (1999), 3:324–325
15. Yasin Ceylan, *Theology and Tafsir in the Major Works of Fakhr al-Din al-Razi* (Kuala Lumpur: ISTAC), *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 10 (1999), 3:322–323
16. Murad W. Hofmann, *Islam 2000* (Beltsville, MD: Amana Publications, 1997), *Studies in Contemporary Islam* 1 (1999), 2:89–93
17. Abdalhaqq and Aisha Bewley, *The Noble Qur'an: A New Rendering of Its Meaning in English* (London: Madinah Press, 1999), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 11 (2000), 3:362–363
18. Peter G. Riddell and Tony Street, *Islam: Essays on Scripture, Thought and Society: A Festschrift in Honour of Anthony H. Johns* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1997), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 12 (2001), 1:79–83
19. John Kaltner, *Ishmael Instructs Isaac: An Introduction to the Qur'an for Bible Readers* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1999), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 12 (2001), 1:65–69
20. Farid Esack, *On Being a Muslim: Finding a Religious Path in the World Today* (Oxford: Oneworld, 1999), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 11 (2001), 3:409–409
21. Kenneth Cragg, *Muhammad in the Qur'an: The Task and the Text* (London: Melisende, 2001) *Journal of Islamic Studies* 15 (2004), 1:69–71
22. Brannon M. Wheeler, *Prophets in the Qur'an: An Introduction to the Quran and Muslim Exegesis* (London and New York: Continuum, 2002), in *History of Religions* 45 (2005), 1:87–88
23. M. M. al-Azami, *The History of the Qur'anic Text from Revelation to Compilation: A Comparative Study* (Leicester, UK: Islamic Academy, 2003), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 18 (2007), 1:95–97.
24. Alan Dundes, *Fables of the Ancients? Folklore in the Qur'an*, in *Journal of Islamic Studies* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 19 (2008), 247–251

Conference Papers and Invited Talks

1. "The Qur'anic Oaths: Farahi's View," American Academy of Religion, Dallas, TX, December 1983
2. "Some Features of Sayyid Qutb's Qur'an Commentary," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, December 1984
3. "Atomism in Traditional Qur'an Exegesis," 20th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 1985
4. "The Islamic Punishment for Adultery: Islahi's Interpretation of Qur'an 24:2," American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, CA, November 1985
5. "Some Verbal Idioms in the Qur'an," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 1986
6. "The Literary Aspect of the Qur'an," Colloquium on Alford T. Welch's *Encyclopaedia of Islam* article on the Qur'an, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 1986
7. "Some *Tafsir* Opinions of Islahi," American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, December 1987
8. "Islamic Fundamentalism in the Context of the Islamic Tradition," 4th International Colloquium, Kalamazoo College, May 1986
9. "Dialogue in the Qur'an," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 1988
10. "Wordplay and Irony in Iqbal's Poetry," Middle East Studies Association, Toronto, ON, Canada, November 1989
11. "How to Read a *Surah*," American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, CA, November 1989
12. "In the Vestibule of Faith: Notes on Humor in the Qur'an," Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 1990
13. "The *Surah* as a Unity: A 20th-Century Development in Qur'an Exegesis," School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, England, March 1990
14. "The Qur'an Commentary of Ashraf 'Ali Thanavi," American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA, November 1990
15. "The Qur'an Commentary of Mufti Muhammad Shafi'," American Academy of Religion, Kansas City, MO, November 1991
16. "Qur'an as Literature," Conference on Semitics in Durban-Westville, South Africa, May 1996
17. "Some Aspects of Muhammad Iqbal's Poetry," University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 24 October 1997
18. "Modern Jewish and Christian History: Relevance for Muslims," American Academy of Religion/Midwest Region, Chicago, IL, March 1998
19. "Farahi's Interpretation of *Surat al-Fil*," American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL, November 1998
20. "*Kabbalah* and *Tasawwuf*: A Comparative Look at Jewish and Muslim Mysticism," Conference on "Jewish and Muslim Encounters," Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, Cordova, Spain, August 1999
21. "The Bible as an Aid to Qur'anic Exegesis: The Views of Farahi and Islahi,"
22. "Elephants, Birds, and Heaps of Pebbles: Farahi's Interpretation of *Surat al-Fil*," School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, England, October 1999
23. "Muhammad Iqbal, the Poet-Philosopher of Pakistan," Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA, 11 November 1999

24. "The Distinction between *Rasul* and *Nabi*: Amin Ahsan Islahi's View," American Academy of Religion annual conference, Nashville, TN, November 2000
25. "Christian Perspectives on Religion and Science and Their Significance for Modern Muslim Thought," presented at the international conference on "God, Life, and Cosmos: Theistic Perspectives," sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA, and held in Islamabad, Pakistan, November 2000
26. "The Basis for Reconciliation in the Qur'an," Conference on "Peace and Reconciliation in Islam and Christianity," Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, 23 March 2002
27. "Religion and Politics in Pakistan: The Case of the Jama'at-i Islami," Wittenburg, OH, September 2002
28. "The Authority of the Sacred Text in Islam" Symposium on the Authority of the Sacred Texts, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, 14 April 2005
29. "Some Themes of Iqbal's Poetry," Iqbal Society, East-West University, Chicago, IL, 16 May 2004
30. "Major Themes of Iqbal's Poetry," Iqbal Academy Canada, Toronto, 3 December 2004
31. "The Authority of the Sacred Text in Islam" Symposium on the Authority of the Sacred Texts, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, 14 April 2005
32. "Varieties of Humor in Islam" International Society of Humor Studies Conference, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 14 June 2005
33. "Farahi and Islahi on the Bible" at the Muslim-Christian Centre at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, 14 November 2005
34. "Characterization in the Qur'an" (also chaired a panel on hermeneutical strategies in the Qur'an), Qur'an: Text, Interpretation and Translation conference, School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London in London, 7–9 November 2007
35. "Iqbal, a Poet of Tomorrow, a Poet of Today," Iqbal Conference, Iqbal Academy Scandinavia, Copenhagen, Denmark., 10 November 2007
 36. "Literary Aspects of the Qur'an," University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 16 April 2010
 37. "The Qur'an in Light of the Bible and Vice Versa: The Views of Hamid ad-Din al-Farahi (d. 1930)," Society of Biblical Literature, University of Estonia, 28 July 2010
 38. "The Structure of *Surat al-Baqarah* According to Amin Ahsan Islahi," Qur'an Conference, Center for Islamic Studies, SOAS, University of London, 11 November 2011
 39. "Was Iqbal a Sufi?," University of Copenhagen, 10 November 2012
 40. "Continuity, Context, and Coherence in the Qur'an: A Brief Review of the Idea of *Nazm* in *Tafsir* Literature," one of the two keynote talks, The First International Symposium on Rethinking the Qur'an, Gür Kent Hotel, Ankara, Turkey, 3 May 2013
 41. "Does the Qur'an Have a Conceptual Framework?," The Second International Symposium on Rethinking the Qur'an, Gür Kent Hotel, Ankara, Turkey, 10 May 2014
 42. "Farahi on Qur'anic *Balaghah*," The Qur'an and Islamic Traditions panel, Society of Biblical Literature, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 9 July 2013
 43. Why did the Egyptian Noblewomen Cut Their Hands?: Amin Ahsan Islahi on Qur'an 12:31, Qur'an Conference, Center for Islamic Studies, SOAS, University of London, SOAS, Qur'an Conference, 9 November 2013

Seminars and Workshops

1. “Establishing an Islamic Academic Tradition in the West,” Conference on “Islam in America,” organized by the Islamic Society of North America and the University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, 5 July 1997
1. “Images and Stereotyping,” Martin Luther King Day, Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, January 1989
2. “Tolerance and Intolerance in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” Martin Luther King Day, Department of Near Eastern Studies/Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies/The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, January 1989
3. “*Hadith* and Islamic Resurgence,” in “Religious Revival: A Global Phenomenon?” Area Centers, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, January 1991
4. Lectures and workshops on Qur’an and *Hadith*, NEH/AWAIR (National Endowment for the Humanities/Arab World and Islamic Resources) Institute, Abiquiu, NM, July–August 1994
5. Series of talks, during a lecturing tour of South Africa, at the University of South Africa, Pretoria, and the University of the Western Cape, Bellville, May 1996
6. Lectures and workshops on Qur’an and *Hadith*, AWAIR (Arab World and Islamic Resources) Institute, Abiquiu, NM, July 1995
7. Lectures and workshops on Qur’an and *Hadith*, Dar al-Islam Institute, Abiquiu, NM, August 1996
8. Lectures and workshops on Qur’an and *Hadith*, Dar al-Islam Institute, Abiquiu, NM, August 1997
9. “Islamic Ethics: In Search of a Methodological Framework,” Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, Washington, DC, November 1997
10. Lectures and workshops on Qur’an and *Hadith*, Dar al-Islam Institute, Abiquiu, NM, July 1998
11. “Jerusalem and Its Significance for Muslims,” Conference on Jerusalem, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, April 1999
12. “The Islamic Holy Sites,” Conference on “Jerusalem: A City of Three Faiths,” Department of History/Judaic and Holocaust Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 25 May 1999.
13. “A Look at Some of Iqbal’s Poems,” International Conference on Muhammad Iqbal, Toronto, ON, Canada, 11 June 1999
14. Lectures and workshops on Qur’an and *Hadith*, Dar al-Islam Institute, Abiquiu, NM, August 1999
15. “Translations and *Tafasir* of the Qur’an,” First Qur’an Conference, Islamic Community of Nevada,” Las Vegas, NV, 10 October 2003

Talks at the University, in the Community, and Outside Youngstown (only since 2010)

- “Death and Mourning in Islam,” Temple El-Emeth, Youngstown, 1 June 2010
- Series of seven talks on Islam (for high school teachers)—“Muhammad at Mecca,” “Muhammad at Medina,” “Iman,” “Ihsan,” “Qur’an,” “Islam in Asia,” “Sufism”—at Dar al-Islam, Abique, NM, July 2010

- “The Role of Muslim Women in Society and Gender Issues in Islam,” Kilcawley, Youngstown State University, 30 November 2010
- “What do Christians and Muslims Need to Know about Each Other?,” First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, OH, 29 April 2012
- “Sharing Our Common Moral Values,” Islamic Day of Ohio, Masjid al-Khair, 12 October 2013
- “Are We Free and Does It Matter?,” Butler North, Youngstown, 21 March 2014
- “Women in Islam: Rethinking the Issues,” Women’s Interfaith Tea, Masjid al-Khair, Youngstown, OH, 3 February 2015
- “Terror in the Name of Islam,” 100B Cushwa Hall, Youngstown State University, 15 April 2015
- “Islam,” Theology on Tap group, Magic Tree Restaurant, Boardman, OH, 21 October 2015
- “Islam in America,” Bart Walker’s class (American Studies), Cushwa, Youngstown State University, 17 November 2015
- “From the Spoken to the Written Word,” in the Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions series (a joint project of the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 17 November 2015)

Pre-Publication Reviews of Book Manuscripts

- Annemarie Schimmel, Asani, and Abdel-Malek, *Celebrating Muhammad: Images of the Prophet in Popular Muslim Poetry*,” University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, SC, August 1992
- Abdullah Saeed, *Liberating the Qur’an*,” Routledge, July 2004
- Andrew Rippin and Khalil Mohammed, eds., *Coming to Terms with the Qur’an: A Volume in Honor of Professor Issa Boullata*,” Islamic Publications International, North Haledon, NJ, March 2005
- F. E. Peters, *The Creation of the Qur’an: The Making of the Muslim Scripture*,” Princeton University Press, 2006
- [Author’s name withheld by publisher], *Introduction to Islamic Fiqh: An Exploration of Islamic Shari’ah*” (translation of an Arabic work), Rowman & Littlefield, April 2007
- Avital Wohlman, *Averroes & Al-Ghazali*,” translated from the French by David Burrell, Oxford University Press, Karachi, September 2008
- Fatima Hussain, *Sufism Revisited*,” Oxford University Press, Karachi, September 2009
- Walid Saleh and Andrew Rippin, eds., *Routledge Encyclopedia of Muslim Exegesis: A Bio-Bibliographical Handbook of the Tafsir Tradition*,” Routledge, October 2009
- Magnus Marsden, ed., *Islam and Society in Pakistan: Anthropological Perspectives* November 2009
- Ibrahim Kalin, ed., *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and Science in Islam*,” Oxford University Press, April 2010
 - Nomanul Haq, ed., *Historical and Philosophical Miscellanea: An Anthology*,” Oxford University Press, Karachi, June 2010
 - Homayra Ziad, *Scriptural Aesthetics*,” University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, SC, November 2013
 - Shabbir Akhtar, *Pondering Paul’s Letter to the Galatians: The New Testament in Muslim Eyes*,” Routledge, London, December 2015

External Academic Referee

- Referee to the British Academy for the grant application of Abdul-Rauf of Leeds University, 2006
- Shabbir Akhtar, candidate for promotion to the rank of full professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Old Dominican University, Norfolk, VA, November 2010
 - Andreas Christmann, candidate for promotion to the rank of chair in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, University of Manchester, England, January 2011
 - A. Christian van Gorder, Department of Religion, Baylor University, Waco, TX, January 2013
 - Abdel Rahman Tayyara, candidate for promotion to the rank of associate professor, Department of Modern Languages, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, August 2013
 - Isra Yazicioglu, candidate for tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA, September 2013
 - Kamil Koyejo Oloso, candidate for promotion to the rank of professor, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, August 2015

Miscellaneous

- Coeditor, with Mumtaz Ahmad (Hampton University), *Studies in Contemporary Islam* (biannual academic journal), Center for Islamic Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 1999–present
- Editor, *Iqbal-Namah* (quarterly bulletin about South Asian poet-philosopher Muhammad Iqbal, 2001–present)
- Lilly Seminar: “Peace and Justice in the Bible and the Qur’an,” team-taught (with Daniel Smith-Christopher), Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, 4–31 July 2003
- Participated in the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Seminar on Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Doha, Qatar, April 2003, and Georgetown University, Washington, DC, March–April 2004
- Invited participant, Consultation on State and Society in the Modern World, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan, 19–21 November 2004
- Four articles—“Dialogue in the Qur’an,” “The Qur’an as Literature,” “Humor in the Qur’an,” and “Irony in the Qur’an,” reprinted (chs. 44, 45, 46, and 37, respectively) in vol. 3 *Style and Structure*, of Colin Turner, ed., *The Koran: Critical Concepts in Islamic Studies*, 4 vols. (London: Routledge, 2004)
- Translations of five of Muhammad Iqbal’s poems (from my *Tulip in the Desert*) are included in *Indian Religions: The Spiritual Traditions of South Asia*, ed. Peter Heehs (Delhi: Permanent Black/Orient Longman, 2002), 589–593
- Attended committee meeting, Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, DC, 2–3 May 2004
- Served on the National Screening Committee for the U.S. Graduate Student Fulbright Program:
 - 18 November 2005, New York
 - 6 December 2007, Chicago

- Participated, via conference call, in a Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER) committee meeting held in Washington, DC. (DoSER is part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 2–3 December 2005)
- Chaired a panel at the Qur’an Conference at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, 12 November 2005
- Participated in and made a presentation at the 5th Building Bridges seminar, convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 28–31 March 2006
- Lectures and talks on Islamic religion, history, and culture and on interfaith topics and current issues at schools, colleges, and universities; at Jewish, Christian, and Muslim places of worship; and at clubs, libraries, and community centers
- Weekly Arabic class (during university terms, 1998–2002) at the Islamic Center, Woodland Avenue, Youngstown, OH
- Weekly Qur’anic Studies class (during university terms, 1997–2004) at the Islamic Center, Homewood Avenue, Youngstown, OH
- Interviewed, on various occasions, by Youngstown’s newspapers and radio and television stations on various matters; sent a written response to NPR, Boston, MA, query about the Islamic view of public executions; replied to queries from various individuals about Islam and Muslims
- “What Does It Mean to be Human?” Statement on Islam and Science at the Smithsonian website: <http://humanorigins.si.edu/about/bsic/mustansir-mir>
- Commentary on two Qur’anic passages (Qur’an 2:127; 22:39–40; 60:8–9), in German translation, broadcast in two segments on Deutschlandradio, Cologne (September 2015): http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/sure-22-verse-39-40-zur-legitimation-von-gewalt.2395.de.html?dram:article_id=328793

Major Research Interests

- Qur’anic exegesis; Qur’an as literature
- Islamic intellectual history
- Iqbal Studies

Research Languages

- Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Punjabi
- French, German, Biblical Hebrew (basic)

Courses Taught

(UM= University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; UV = University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; IIUM = International Islamic University Malaysia; OCIS/OU = Oxford Center for Islamic Studies/ University of Oxford); YSU = Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH)

Undergraduate

- Christianity and Islam [team-taught; YSU]
- Early Islamic Civilization [YSU]
- Early Muslim Community [IIUM]
- Ethics and Politics in Islam [YSU]
- Introduction to Classical Arabic [UM]

- Introduction to World Religions [YSU]
- Islam [YSU]
- Islam and the West [YSU]
- Islam in the Modern World [UV]
- Islamic Culture and Literature [YSU]
- Islamic Mysticism and Philosophy [YSU]
- Islamic Religion: An Introduction [UM]
- Judaism [YSU]
- Masterpieces of Islamic Literature [UM]
- Modern Muslim Thinkers [IIUM]
- Modern Muslim Thought [YSU]
- Qur'an as Literature [UV]
- Sciences of Qur'an and *Hadith* [IIUM]
- World Religions/Islam Unit [UM]

Undergraduate/Graduate

- World Religions/Islam Unit [UM]
- Islamic Intellectual History [UM, UV]
- Islamic Law [UM]
- Muslim Philosophy [UM]
- Muslim Sages [UM]
- Sufism [UM]
- Islamic Theology [OCIS/OU]

Graduate

- Classical Arabic Literature
- Classical Arabic Islamic Texts [UM]
- *Hadith* Terminology and Sources [UM]
- Later Development of Muslim Thought [IIUM]
- Qur'anic Exegetical Theory [UM]
- Qur'anic Studies I, II [UM]
- Research Methodology [IIUM]

Advisor, Graduate Studies

(University of Michigan)

PhD

- Ihsan Bagby: "The Concept of Utility (*Maslahah*) in ash-Shatibi" (fall 1985)
- Antar ibn Stanford-Smith: "The Principles of Fiqh According to al-Jassas" (winter 1985)
- Amina Wadud: "Women in the Qur'an" (spring 1988)

Others

- Advised about ten other graduate students in various areas of Islamic studies

External Examiner for Graduate Students

PhD

- Alan Benjamin Day, University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 1994: “A Critical Evaluation of Islamic Aesthetics”
- David Marshall, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England, May 1996: “Punishment Narratives in the Qur’an.”
- Shagufta Begum, Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan, 2001: “Iqbal awr Fikr-i Islami ki Tashkil-i Naw” (Urdu; “Iqbal and the Reconstruction of Islamic Thought”)

MA

- Inna Muthma’innah, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada, 1998: “Tanwir al-Miqbas min Tafsir Ibn ‘Abbas: Its Principles of Interpretation”
- Al-Makin, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada, 1999: “Modern Exegesis on Historical Narratives of the Qur’an: The Case of ‘Ad and Thamud According to Sayyid Qutb in His *Fi Zilal al-Qur’an*”