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Academic & Employment History

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Pitzer College, 2009-present
Extended Faculty, The School of Religion, Philosophy Department, Claremont Graduate University, 2009-present
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Introduction to the Humanities Program: Stanford University, 2009- 2008
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of California – Los Angeles, 2007-2008
Ph.D. Islamic Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles. The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures; Dissertation: “*Avicenna’s Philosophy of Mind: Self -Awareness and Intentionality.*” Advisers: Professors Hossein Ziai, Michael Cooperson, and Calvin Normore, December, 2006
M.A., Philosophy, California State University, Los Angeles. Department of Philosophy; Thesis: “Ghazali and Kant: Arguments Concerning the Creation of the World,” December, 1999
B.A., Philosophy, Baghdad University (Iraq), Department of Philosophy, June, 1988

Areas of Research Specialization

Islamic Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, and Islamic Theology

Areas of Teaching Competence

Philosophy of Mind, Logic, Ethics, and Modern Philosophy,

Fellowships and Awards

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Introduction to the Humanities Program: Stanford University, 2008-2009
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of California – Los Angeles, 2007-2008
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 2004
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 2003
The Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, 2003
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 2002
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), 2001

Publications

Book

Ibn Kammuna Al-Tanqihat: A Thirteenth Century On Natural Philosophy and Psychology, Co-author with Hossein Ziai, Mazda Publisher, Costa Mesa, CA, 2002

Article

“The Early Arabic Liar: The Liar Paradox in the Islamic World from the Mid- Ninth to the Mid Thirteenth Centuries CE” with David Sanson, *Vivarium Journal* 47, Brill, 1999

Other

“Ibn Kammuna life and philosophy,” an entry in *The Biographical Encyclopaedia of Islamic Philosophy*, London, New York: Thoemmes Continuum, 2006

Works in progress

Avicenna’s Philosophy of Mind: This book is a revision of my Ph.D. dissertation

Aristotle and The Arabic Tradition: A collection of essays that intends to present Aristotle’s influence upon the Arabic medieval tradition from the time of the Greek transmission of his texts within the Arabic world to its period of integration and assimilation into Arabic philosophy. The Contributors: Cristina D’Anocna, Allan Back, Paul Thom, Uwe Vagelopohl, Frederique Woerther, Paul Lettinck, Abraham Stone, Henry Mendell, Richard Taylor, Ahmed Alwishah, Cecilia Martini, Calvin Normore, Josh Hayes and Claudia Bracchi.

Al-Farabi on One and Unity: A Commentary on Aristotle’s *Metaphysics* 5.6 and 10, a translation and study

Presentations (selected)

“Avicenna on Divine Self-Awareness and Human Self-Awareness” The 28th annual joint meeting of the *Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP)* with the *Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy (SSIPS)*, October 17, 2010

“The Study of Islamic Philosophy in US,” Baghdad University, Art College, Philosophy Department, Iraq, 2010

“Avicenna on Mantel Language” at the *27th annual joint meeting of the Society for*

Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy

and Science (SSIPS), NY, Fordham University, 2009

“What is God? An Investigation of the Divine Attributes In Islamic Theology and Philosophy” (Stanford University, Abbasit center), 2008

“Learning in the Religious Traditions,” Honors program, (University of California,

Riverside, CA), 2006

“Avicenna’s Concept of Intention,” *The International Conference on Ancient and*

Medieval Philosophy, Fordham University, NY, 2006

“Avicenna on ‘I exist’ and Self- Awareness,” *Moody Conference in Medieval Philosophy*, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, 2006.

“Self-Knowledge in Islamic Philosophy,” *The Human Condition Conference*, Victoria University, Victoria, Canada, 2005

“The Arabic Liar Paradox,” *Moody Conference in Medieval Philosophy*, UCLA, Los

Angeles, California, 2004

“Avicenna and Descartes on ‘I exist.’” *The International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*, Fordham University, NY, 2003.

“Avicenna on the Faculty of Representation.” *The 20th Annual Ancient and Medieval Philosophy Dialogue Among Civilizations Conference*, Binghamton University, NY, 2001.

Service to Profession

Served as External referee:

The Stanford Encyclopedia (2/2/2010): <http://plato.stanford.edu/referees.html>

The Pacific APA (2011)

References

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Teaching Experience

Pitzer College, Assistant Professor

God and Philosophy, Fall 2011

Islam vs. Islam, Fall 2010

Philosophy of Religion, Fall 2010

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2010

Philosophy of Religion, Spring 2009

History of Ethics, Spring 2009

Islamic Philosophy, Fall 2009

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2009

Claremont Graduate University

Ghazali’s Philosophy and Theology, Fall 2011