

Curriculum Vitae
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Academic & Employment History

- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Pitzer College, 2009-present
- Extended Faculty, School of Religion, Philosophy Department, Claremont Graduate University, 2009-present
- Visiting Fellow at Clare Hall College, Cambridge University, 2014
- Postdoctoral Fellow, 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
- Ph.D., Islamic Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles. 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*, 1999
- B.A., Philosophy, Baghdad University (Iraq), Department of Philosophy, 1987

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

- Life Member Fellow at Clare Hall (University of Cambridge, UK), 2014
- 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), 2001, 2002, 2004
- The Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, 2003

Publications

Co-edited Books

- *Illuminationist Texts and Textual Studies*, co-edited with Ali Gheissari and John Walbridge, Brill Publisher, (forthcoming, 2017)
- *Aristotle and the Arabic Tradition*, co-edited with Josh Hayes, Cambridge University Press, September 8th, 2015.
- *Refinement and Commentary of Suhrawardī's Intimations: A Thirteenth Century Text On Natural Philosophy and Psychology*, co-edited with Hossein Ziai, Mazda Publishers, Costa Mesa, CA, 2002.

Refereed Articles, a book Chapter, and Translation in a Book

- "Suhrawardī and Ibn Kammūna on the Impossibility of Having Two Necessary Existents," in *Illuminationist Texts and Textual Studies*, edited by Ali Gheissari, John Walbridge, and Ahmed Alwishah, Brill Publisher, (forthcoming, 2017)
- "Avicenna on Animal Self-Awareness, Cognition and Identity," *Cambridge Journal of Arabic Sciences and Philosophy*, vol. 26, 2016
- "Al-Taftazānī on the Liar Paradox", co-authored with David Sanson, *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy*, vol. 4, 2016
- "Avicenna On Self-Cognition and Self-Awareness," in *Aristotle and Arabic Tradition*, edited by Ahmed Alwishah with Josh Hayes, Cambridge University Press, September 8th, 2015
- "Ibn Sīnā on Floating Man Arguments" *Journal of Islamic Philosophy*, vol. 9, 2013
- *The Milesians: Thales*. Translation of the *testimonia* on Thales, joint work with Richard McKirahan. I translated the Arabic *testimonia*, volume 1 in the series "*Traditio Praesocratica: Textual Evidence on Presocratic Philosophy and its Continuation.*" Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014.
- "The Early Arabic Liar: The Liar Paradox in the Islamic World from the Mid- Ninth to the Mid-Thirteenth Centuries CE" co-authored with David Sanson, *Vivarium Journal 47*, Brill, 2009, 97-127

Other

- "Ibn Kammūna Sa'd Ibn Manṣūr" an entry in *The Biographical Encyclopaedia of Islamic Philosophy*, edited by Oliver Leaman, London, New York: Thoemmes Continuum, 2006

Work in Progress

- *Avicenna's Philosophy of Mind and Body*: a book proposal and three chapters currently under review

Presentations

- "Avicenna on Animal Perception and Cognition" at workshop *Representation, Content and Intentionality in the Aristotelian Tradition*, Gothenburg University, Sweden, April 22, 2016
- "Avicenna on Animal Self-Awareness, Cognition and Identity" at *9e colloque international de la Société Internationale d'Histoire des Sciences et de la Philosophie Arabes et Islamiques* (S. I. H. S. P. A. I.), Paris, Univ. Paris Diderot-Paris 7, 10 October, 2014

- “Divine Knowledge and Human Self-Awareness” *Clare Hall Colloquium* Cambridge University, May 6th 2014
- “Avicenna On Self-Cognition and Self-Awareness” at the conference of *British Association for Islamic Studies*, Edinburgh, April 10th 2014
- “Avicenna on God’s Knowledge of the Universe and Human Cognition” at the conference of *Ancient Cosmos: Concord Among Worlds*, Durham University, Department of Classics and Ancient History, September, 20-22, 2013.
- “Avicenna and the Sameness Thesis in Human and Divine Intellect” at *Moody Conference in Medieval Philosophy*, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, March 9, 2013.
- “Avicenna on Animals Self-Awareness” at the *30th annual joint meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science (SSIPS)*, Fordham University, October 20, 2012
- “Avicenna and Hume on Self-Knowledge” at the *29th annual joint meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science (SSIPS)*, Fordham University, October 23, 2011.
- “Avicenna on Human Existence and Self-Awareness,” paper presented at the *International Colloquium of the SIHSPAI: Philosophy and Science in Classical Islamic Civilisation*, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, December 4, 2010
- “Avicenna on Mental 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)*, Fordham University, 2009
- “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

Service to Profession

- Served as External referee for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (an online resource) (2/2/2010): <http://plato.stanford.edu/referees.html>

Teaching Experience

- **Pitzer College, Assistant Professor**
- Islamic Philosophy, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017
- Islam vs. Islam, Fall 2011, Fall 2014
- Fundamentalism and Rationalism in Comparative Context Medieval Islam and Enlightenment Europe (with Wakefield), Spring 2017

- Islam: Beyond Ideological Narratives, Fall 2016
- Spinoza and Leibniz on Reality, Spring 2011, Spring 2015
- God and Philosophy, Reason in Conflict, (with Yuval Avnur), Fall 2011 Islam vs. Islam, Fall 2010
- Philosophy of Religion, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016,
- Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2013 History of Ethics, Spring 2009
- History of Ethics, Spring 2010
- Philosophical Questions, Fall 2012, Fall, 2015, Fall 2017
- **Claremont Graduate University, School of Religion**
- Ghazali Philosophy and Theology, Fall 2011

References

- Calvin Normore, Professor, Philosophy, UCLA, (310) 825-2291, normore@humnet.ucla.edu
- Brian Keeley, Professor, Philosophy, Pitzer College (909) 607-4235, brian_keeley@pitzer.edu
- Michael Cooperson, Professor, NELC, UCLA, (310) 206-1383, cooperso@humnet.ucla.edu
- Richard McKirahan, Professor, Philosophy and Classic, Pomona College, (909) 607-2912, rdm04747@pomona.edu