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### EDUCATION

- 2004 PhD, Religious Studies. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
Dissertation: Human Rights in Contemporary Islamic Thought: Toward a  
Cross-Cultural Discourse Ethic
- 1999 MA, Divinity. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1995 BA with High Honors, Religion. Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

*The Rights of God: Islam, Human Rights, and Comparative Ethics* (Georgetown University Press, 2007)

#### Articles

“Response to ‘Cultivating a Liberal Islamic Ethos, Building and Islamic Civil Society’” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* Vol. 27, No. 1 (Summer 2007), 26-29

“Le Comité des philosophes de l’UNESCO (1947-1948): À la recherche des fondements des droits de l’homme,” *60 ans d’histoire de l’UNESCO: Actes du colloque international, Paris, 16-18 novembre 2005* (Paris, France: UNESCO, 2007), 139-142

*Forthcoming* “Religious Fundamentalism,” *Palgrave Macmillan Dictionary of Transnational History*, ed. Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier, expected publication 2008

*Resubmitted* “Islamic Voices and the Definition of Human Rights,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (resubmitted 8/28/07 following requested revisions)

*Submitted* “Dialogue and Comparative Religious Ethics: Gadamer and Habermas,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*, submitted 8/21/07

*Contracted* “Islamic Conceptions of Human Rights,” *The International Handbook of Human Rights*, ed. Thomas Cushman (New York: Routledge) (article due September 2008)

*In Progress* “An Ethic of Motherhood,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*

*In Progress* “Sexing Comparative Ethics: Bringing Forth Feminist and Gendered Perspectives,” with Elizabeth Bucar and Grace Kao, *Journal of Religious Ethics*

### PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 11/2007 “Mothers’ Movements: Motherhood, Religion, and Activism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- 1/2007 “Sex, Gender, and the Comparative Enterprise,” Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics
- 1/2006 “Contamination: Do Muslim Civil Societies Need Western Philosophy?” Response to Plenary, Jewish-Christian-Islamic Ethics Working Group, Society of Christian Ethics
- 11/2005 “Universalism and Diversity in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” UNESCO History Symposium, Paris
- 4/2005 “Islamic National Identities and the Creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies
- 1/2005 “Tariq Ramadan on Islam in the West,” Jewish-Christian-Islamic Ethics Working Group, Society of Christian Ethics
- 11/2003 “Individuality Amidst Universality: Islamic Views on Democracy,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- 4/2003 “Teaching in Teams,” Teaching Resource Center, University of Virginia
- 2/2003 “Mission and Violence,” Religious Studies Department, University of Virginia
- 11/2002 “Sin Boldly! Visions of the Moral Life,” Swarthmore College
- 10/2002 “Introduction to Islam,” University of Virginia Medical School
- 4/2001 “Interpreting *Jihad*,” Student Ethics Conference, University of Chicago
- 4/2000 “Islam: A Foundation for Reproductive Rights?” Student Ethics Conference, University of Chicago
- 4/1999 “History, Humility...Christianity?” Student Ethics Conference, University of Chicago
- 3/1998 “Reinhold Niebuhr: Religion, Ethics, and Politics in a Changing World,” American Academy of Religion Midwest Region Annual Meeting

### GRANTS AND HONORS

- 2008 Max Orovitz Summer Grant, University of Miami
- 2006 Max Orovitz Summer Grant, University of Miami
- 10/2005 “Islam and the Reconsideration of Universal Human Rights,” Irmgard Coninx Foundation-Humboldt Universität International Juried Essay Competition Winner
- 9/2005 International Travel Grant, University of Miami
- 2005 Max Orovitz Summer Grant, University of Miami
- 2004 Summer Scholar, Erasmus Institute: “Ethics and International Relations”
- 2003-2004 Doctoral Fellow, Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia
- 2003 Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship for American Academy of Religion, University of Virginia
- 1999-2002 President’s Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2001-2002 DuPont Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2001 Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship for Arabic study at Yarmouk University, Jordan
- 2001 Dean’s Travel Grant for travel to Jordan and Syria, University of Virginia

- 2001 Seven Society Teaching Award, Nomination, University of Virginia  
 1997-1999 Divinity School Fellowship, University of Chicago  
 1993-1995 External Examination Honors Program, Religion, German, and Philosophy,  
 Swarthmore College

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### University of Miami

- Present Assistant Professor, Religious Studies  
*Biomedical Ethics; Religion and Moral Choices; Introduction to Islam; Religion and American Politics; Religion and Globalization; Sex, Gender, and Ethics; Introduction to Religious Studies*
- Thesis Advisor to:
- 2007-2008 Kara Jacobi, PhD, English, "Articulating Trauma, Creating Survival: Trauma and Creation in Twentieth-Century Ethnic-American Women's Writing"
- 2005-2006 Charlotte Woods-Hill, BA, Religious Studies, "The Catholic Church and Assisted Reproduction"
- 2004-2005 Sahar Ullah, BA, Religious Studies, "Dar al-Islam, Dar al-Harb, and Locating the Intermediate Domain"

#### University of Virginia

- 2003 Graduate Assistant, *Environmental Ethics*, Summer Transition Program  
 2000-2003 Graduate Instructor, *Political and Social Thought Honors Program*  
 2002-2003 Instructor, *Accelerated Academic Writing*  
 2002 Instructor, *Business Ethics*  
 2001-2002 Teaching Assistant, *Theology, Ethics, and Healthcare*  
 2001 Teaching Assistant, *Early Christianity and New Testament*  
 2000 Instructor, *Religious Ethics and Moral Problems*

### SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 1/2008 Member, Board of Directors, Society of Christian Ethics  
 4/2007 Advisor, Miramar High School, "Forum on Islam"  
 1/2007 Member, International Speakers Fund Committee, Society of Christian Ethics  
 1/2006 Radio Interview, "Islamic Studies," NPR "Day to Day" and "Weekend Edition"  
 2005-2006 Faculty Advisor, University of Miami Asian American Students Association  
 4/2005- Board Member, American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies  
 4/2005 Panel, "Careers for Asian Americans," University of Miami  
 11/2004- Member, Jewish-Christian-Islamic Ethics Working Group,  
 Society of Christian Ethics  
 2/2005 Solutions Panel, "Samuel Huntington and the Clash of Civilizations,"  
 University of Miami  
 2/2005 Department Representative, Majors and Minors Fair, University of Miami  
 10/2004 Televised Panel, "Campaign Ethics," WPBT/PBS Viewpoint  
 10/2004 Televised Interview, "Catholic Voters," NBC 6 South Florida

10/2004 Panel, "Religion and Politics," University of Miami  
2000 Founder, Women in Ethics, University of Virginia  
2000 Biomedical Ethics Intern, University of Virginia Health Sciences Center  
1999- Member, American Academy of Religion  
1997-1998 Mentor, Erie Neighborhood House, Chicago, IL  
1998-1999 Volunteer, Ronald McDonald House, Chicago, IL

#### **LANGUAGES**

Arabic (Modern Standard, intermediate level)  
French (reading knowledge)  
German (intermediate level)