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Education

- 2004 Ph.D., Harvard University, History and Middle Eastern Studies
- 1993 J.D., The University of Texas School of Law (High Honors, Order of the Coif, and Chancellors)
- 1989 B.A., The University of Texas, Middle Eastern Studies (Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa)

Professional Experience

- 2007-present Northwestern University, Associate Professor of Law and History
- 2004-2007 University of Washington, Assistant Professor of Law and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- 2004 Boston University School of Law, Adjunct Professor
- 2003 Harvard College, Teaching Fellow
- 1997 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Moscow, Russia, Attorney
- 1993-1996 Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, Washington, D.C. and Moscow, Russia, Attorney

Grants and Awards

- 2007-10 Carnegie Scholar (\$100,000) for research project on constitutionalism in Egypt, Morocco, and Malaysia
- 2005 Malcolm Kerr Dissertation Award (Honorable Mention), Middle East Studies Association
- 2003-04 Visiting Researcher, Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program

- 2002 American Research Center in Egypt Research Grant
- 2001-02 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Grant

Books and Book Chapters

Experiences of Law in an Islamic Empire (forthcoming, Oxford University Press).

“Regulating Medieval Cairo,” in *Living in Historic Cairo: Past and Present in an Islamic City* (University of Washington Press, 2010) 62-70.

“Price Setting and Hoarding in Mamluk Egypt: The Lessons of Legal Realism for Islamic Legal Studies,” in *The Law Applied: Contextualizing the Islamic Shari'a*, ed. Peri Bearman, Wolfhart Heinrichs, and Bernard G. Weiss (London: I.B. Tauris, 2008) 57-78.

Articles

“How is Islam the Solution?: Constitutional Visions of Contemporary Islamists,” forthcoming, 46 *Texas Journal of International Law*.

“Review of Rudolph Peters, *Crime and Punishment in Islamic Law* (Cambridge, 2005),” 40(3) *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (2008) 513-15.

“Constitutional Authority and Subversion: Egypt’s New Presidential Election System,” 16 *Indiana International and Comparative Law Review* (2006) 335-373.

“Recognizing the Individual: The *Muhtasibs* of Early Mamluk Cairo and Fustat,” 7 *Harvard Middle East and Islamic Review* (2006) 1-40.

“Islamic Law and the Making and Remaking of the Iraqi Legal System,” 36 *George Washington International Law Review* (2004) 695-756.

“Public and Private as Viewed through the Work of the *Muhtasib*,” with Roy P. Mottahedeh, 70(3) *Social Research* (fall 2003) 63-84.

Works in Progress

Regulating Islamic Finance: Lessons from Malaysia (with Navneeta Rekhi).

Strategies of Personal Status Law Reform (with Swathi Gandhavadi).

Conference Papers

2009

The Experience of Islamic Law, The University of Chicago Law School, Conference on Democracy and Gender Equality in Islam, May 8.

Federalism and Islamic Law in Malaysia, Conference on State Management of Religion, Northwestern University, May 1.

The Experience of Law in Medieval Cairo, The University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, January 30.

2008

“Islamic Legal Interpretation and the Case of the Dog,” Middle East Studies Annual Meeting, November 18.

“The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood’s Vision of an Islamic State,” Simon Fraser University workshop The Decline of Secularism in Egypt, August 13-15.

“Sultans and Scholars: Conflict and Cooperation in Medieval Cairo,” Northwestern University, Center for International and Comparative Studies, May 2.

2006

“Punishment in Law and Practice by the Mamluk-Era *Muhtasibs*,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November, 17.

“The Power of the *Muhtasibs* of Early Mamluk Cairo and Fustat in Cases of Food Availability and Pricing,” American Research Center in Egypt/Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale du Caire Conference, Exercising Power in the Age of the Sultanates: Production, Manifestation, Reception Part II, Cairo, Egypt, March 25-25.

2005

“The *Muhtasibs* of Cairo and Fustat as Indicators of Mamluk Sultan Power and Weakness,” American Research Center in Egypt/Institut Français d’Archéologie Orientale du Caire Conference, Exercising Power in the Age of the Sultanates: Production, Manifestation, Reception, Part I, Cairo, Egypt, March 26-27.

2004

“The *Muhtasib*, Law, and Society in Early Mamluk Cairo and Fustat,” workshop on the use of legal sources in the study of Islamic history,” Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program, May 14-15.

2003

“Morals, Markets, and Mass Protests: Regulating Medieval Cairo,” Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program, November 13.

2002

“Islamic Administrative Law in Medieval Cairo,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 18.

2000

“Price-Setting and Hoarding in Bahri Mamluk Cairo,” presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 17.

“Between Law and Application—The *Muhtasib* of Bahri Mamluk Egypt,” presented at the workshop “Text and Context,” Ben Gurion University, Beersheva, Israel, June 6.

Lectures and Presentations

2009

Islamic Constitutionalism in Egypt and Malaysia, Inaugural meeting of Middle East Forum, Northwestern University, June 2.

Law in Mamluk Egypt, lecture given in Arabic at the University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, May 8.

2008

“Islamic Law in the Constitutions of Egypt and Turkey,” presented at Northwestern University Sabanci University Workshop in Istanbul, Turkey, June 15-18.

“Can there be an Islamic state?,” presented to faculty at Chicago Kent School of Law, April 29.

2006

“Constitution Under Fire: Understanding the Iraqi Constitution,” presented at San Diego State University, February 14.

“Islamic Law and Female Judges in Egypt,” presented at Islamic Law Section panel, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 6.

2005

Presentation to the Department of the Army, 2D Cavalry Regiment, Ft. Lewis, Washington, on matters of Islamic and Iraqi law (with Political Science Professor Ellis Goldberg), September 16.

“Iraq’s New Constitution and Democratization in the Middle East,” presentation to the Washington State Bar Association, August 30.

“Beyond the Stereotypes: Muslim Women and the Laws that Govern Them,” presentation to the Washington State Attorneys General, June 13.

“Iraq: Democracy and State-Building,” presented at Symposium on Democratization and the Middle East: Promises and Challenges, University of California Hastings College of Law, April 11.

News, Broadcasts and Interviews

2006

The Trial of Saddam Hussein,” Radio commentary for NPR’s All Things Considered, February 16.

2005

“Mubarak’s Democratic Charade,” legal website JURIST, Sept. 15, 2005, (available: <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forumy/2005/09/mubaraks-democratic-charade.php>).

“The Iraqi Constitution: A Closer Reading,” for NPR.org (available: http://www.npr.org/news/specials/iraq_constitution/)

“Iraq: Whose Constitutional Process? Whose Constitution,” legal website JURIST, April 19, 2005 (available: <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forumy/2005/04/iraq-whose-constitutional-process.php>).

“Politics and the Constitution in Iraq,” Chicago Public Radio (NPR affiliate), August 17.

“Iraqi Statehood,” Seattle Public Radio (NPR affiliate), August 16.

Interview discussing the Iraqi elections on Seattle Radio KKNW, February 1.