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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in NEAR AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES</b> UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	<b>Admitted</b> 2010
	<b>MASTER of ARTS in SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY</b> LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	2003
	<b>JURIS DOCTOR</b> UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA	1996
	<b>FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE SCHOLAR</b> URDU LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE LAHORE, PAKISTAN	1988-1989
	<b>BACHELOR of ARTS in HISTORY</b> <i>with honors</i> HARVARD COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE, MA <b>Honors</b> National Merit Scholar Kerr Scholar (Middle Eastern Studies) Harvard College Scholar	1988
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR</b> <b>ASSISTANT PROFESSOR</b> <b>Faculty Fellow, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality</b> <b>SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW</b> SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Teaching Comparative Law, Business Entities and Corporate Governance.	2008-Present 2005-2008
	<b>VISITING SCHOLAR</b> <b>UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW</b> SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Researching book on Turkish secularism with the support of the Asian Law Center.	2010-2011
	<b>VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR</b> <b>SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW</b> SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA Taught Jurisprudence, Comparative Law and Business Organizations.	2003-2005

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR** 2002  
**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
Taught International Human Rights Law.

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** 2001  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN**  
AMMAN, JORDAN  
Taught a three credit survey course in American Law to masters-level students.

**COUNSEL** 2000  
**GOOD SHEPHERD SHELTER**  
LOS ANGELES, CA  
Represented victims of domestic violence in family law, public assistance and immigration matters.

**ASSOCIATE (Corporate and Securities)** 1998-  
1999  
**WILSON, SONSINI, GOODRICH & ROSATI**  
PALO ALTO, CA  
Supervised Mergers.  
Coordinated initial public offerings.  
Represented numerous high technology companies in general corporate, employee benefits and intellectual property areas.

**ASSOCIATE (Corporate and International)** 1996-  
1998  
**COUDERT BROTHERS**  
WASHINGTON, DC  
Drafted numerous project finance documents.  
Conducted extensive internal securities regulations compliance audit.  
Drafted licensing, distributorship and joint venture agreements.  
Developed corporate training programs for the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.  
Assignments in securities, mergers, antitrust, trusts, employment, and corporate.  
Started firm's pro bono work at Whitman-Walker Clinic.

**SUMMER ASSOCIATE** Summer 1995  
**DAVIS, POLK & WARDWELL**  
NEW YORK AND HONG KONG  
Drafted portions of prospectus and performed due diligence for several international bond offerings.  
Worked on a merger from initial stages to closing.  
Drafted finance agreement for major international development project.

**FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER (Diplomat)** 1989-1993  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Consul**, 1992-1993

AMERICAN EMBASSY ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN

Established and managed Consular and Administrative Sections.

Supervised thirteen employees in Contracting, Procurement, Systems,

Citizen Services, Visa Services and Business Promotion Sections.

Negotiated bilateral consular relations treaty.

Facilitated U.S. business and investment.

**Vice Consul/Refugee Officer**, 1989-1992

AMERICAN EMBASSY ANKARA, TURKEY

Supervised seven employees in U.S. Citizen Services and Visa Services.

Drafted 1992 World Refugee Report article on Turkey.

Earned Superior Honor Award for work with Kurdish refugees.

Earned State Department Language Award.

**LANGUAGES** Turkish, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Urdu, Hindi, Turkmen and Spanish.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Turkey, Islam, Nationalism, and Modernity: A History, 1789-2007* by Carter V. Findley

FORTHCOMING (2011)

A review of Findley's book.

*Forgiveness in Islamic Ethics and Jurisprudence*

4 BERKELEY J. OF MID. EAST. & ISLAMIC L. \_\_ (2011)

An analysis of forgiveness in classical and contemporary Islamic ethics and jurisprudence.

*The Study of Secularism and Religion in the Constitution and Contemporary Politics Of Turkey: The Rise Of Interdisciplinarity and the Decline of Methodology?*

\_\_ ST. THOMAS LAW J. \_\_ (2011)

An analysis of Turkish secularism and the contemporary scholarship explaining it.

*Secularism and Muslim Democracy in Turkey* by M. Hakan Yavuz

33 POL. & LEG. ANTHRO. REV. 396 (2010)

A review of Yavuz's book.

*Forgiveness in Islamic Jurisprudence and Its Role in Intercommunal Relations*

ISLAMIC LAW & LAW OF THE MUSLIM WORLD EJOURNAL (2010)

An analysis of forgiveness in Islamic jurisprudence and its broader implications for intercommunal relations.

*Zakat: Drawing Insights for Legal Theory and Economic Policy from Islamic Jurisprudence*

7 PITTSBURGH TAX REV. 43 (2010)

An analysis of zakat (alms) practices in the Muslim world and its broader implications as a form of taxation and welfare.

*The Americans with Disabilities Act: Who Is Covered:*

*Who Should Be?* Reprinted in ISSUES ON TRIAL: DISABILITY RIGHTS, ed. Uma Kukathas (Cengage 2009)

*Book Review: FAITH & LAW: HOW RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS FROM CALVINISM TO ISLAM VIEW AMERICAN LAW.* Edited by Robert F. Cochran, Jr. New York: New York University, 2008.

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (2009)

*Theology in Public Reason and Legal Discourse: A Case for the Preferential Option for the Poor*

15 WASH. & LEE J. OF CIV. RTS. & SOC. JUST. 327 (2009).

This article argues that standpoint theory, outsider scholarship, and law and economics may play a significant role in concretizing the “preferential option for the poor” in Catholic social thought.

*The Enron Trial Drama: A New Argument for Stakeholder Theory*

Reprinted in CORPORATE FRAUD, ed. C. Krishna (ICFAI Press 2009).

*The Americans with Disabilities Act: Who Is Covered:*

*Who Should Be?* Reprinted in DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION: LEGAL RESPONSES, ed. P.L.J. Reddy (Amicus Books 2008)

*Catharine MacKinnon May Not Be Enough: Legal Change and Religion in Catholic and Sunni Jurisprudence*

8 GEORGETOWN J. OF GENDER AND THE L. 1 (2007).

This article argues that legal change relating to spheres influenced by religious thought must address hermeneutics.

*The Enron Trial Drama: A New Argument for Stakeholder Theory*

38 U. TOL. L. REV. 1 (2007).

This article analyzes the trial of Jeffrey Skilling and Kenneth Lay, including an empirical analysis of jury comments made after the trial. The study indicates that the jury was influenced by the scope of the Enron collapse and its impact on employees, in particular.

*Toward Reconciliation: A Transcendental Framework for Christian-Muslim Dialogue Using Natural Law Tradition*

2 LOYOLA U. CHI. INT’L L.R. 1 (2005)

This article proposes a theoretical framework for dialogue as a precursor to concrete dispute resolution. I argue that the thinking of Bernard Lonergan in light of the natural law insights of Aquinas, Ezzati and an-Na’im provides a framework for Christian-Muslim dialogue.

*The Americans with Disabilities Act: Who Is Covered:  
Who Should Be?*

82 DENVER U. L.R. 25 (2004)

This article reviews the scope of the ADA's coverage and proposes alternatives which might better reflect the original legislative intent of the ADA and better serve the interests of the disabled.

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

*Sources of Turkish Attitudes toward Secularism*, February 14, 2011

SEATTLE, WA

Presented empirical research plan for the Turkish Studies Circle at the University of Washington.

*The Role of Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Islamic Jurisprudence*,

January 7, 2011

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Presented research on the role of forgiveness in Islamic criminal law on a panel for the Islamic Law Section of the AALS.

*Corporate Taxation and Zakat*, January 6, 2011

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Presented work on the application of zakat to corporations within legal systems that historically did not acknowledge the corporate form for the Tax Section of the AALS.

*An Analysis of the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform Legislation*, October 25, 2010

SEATTLE, WA

Presented an analysis of financial reform legislation at a panel sponsored by Seattle University School of Business.

*Religion and Democracy in Turkish Legal Tradition*, June 10, 2010

CHICAGO, IL

Presented scholarship related to religion and democracy in Turkey as part of a multi-year research program at Loyola University Chicago.

*Islam and Secularism in Turkish Constitutional Jurisprudence*, Apr. 25, 2010

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Presented scholarship related to Turkish secularism at a conference on Islam and Constitutions at St. Thomas University along with Noah Feldman, Clark Lombardi and Haider Hamoudi.

*The Role of Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Islamic Jurisprudence*,

December 4, 2009

LOS ANGELES, CA

Presented an analysis of the role of forgiveness in Islamic Jurisprudence at the East-West Encounters Conference at the University of Southern California.

***Zakat: Drawing Insights for Catholic Legal Thinking From Islamic Jurisprudence on Tax Theory and Economic Policy,***

September 17, 2009

CHICAGO, IL

Delivered a public lecture at Loyola University Chicago as part of the *Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters Lecture Series*.

***Paths to Muslim-Christian Dialogue: The Role of Forgiveness in Islamic Jurisprudence,*** September 17, 2009

CHICAGO, IL

Delivered a public lecture at Loyola University Chicago School of Law as part of the *Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters Lecture Series*.

***Corporate Law Ethics and Jesuit Shareholder Proposals,*** April 3, 2009

SEATTLE, WA

Presented a critique of corporate law rooted in the experience of Jesuit shareholder activism at Seattle University School of Law's conference on Terrorism and the Corporation.

***Islamic Law in Modern Afghanistan,*** January 28, 2009

SEATTLE, WA

Presented an analysis of the role of Islamic law in contemporary Afghan legal discourse at Seattle University School of Law.

***The Law of Zakat and its Implications for Tax Policy,*** November 7, 2008

MIAMI, FL

Presented work in progress for faculty colloquium at Florida International University School of Law.

***Theology in Public Reason and Legal Discourse: A Case for the Preferential Option for the Poor,*** April 26, 2008

DENVER, CO

Presented work in progress at the Western Law Professors of Color Conference at the University of Denver School of Law.

***Taking Seriously the Preferential Option for the Poor,*** April 4, 2008

VALPARAISO, IN

Presented work in progress for a panel on legal theory and poverty law at Valparaiso University School of Law.

***Theology in Public Reason and Legal Discourse: A Case for the Preferential Option for the Poor,*** March 7, 2008

SEATTLE, WA

Presented work in progress for a panel on law and religion at Seattle University School of Law.

***What is Going on in Pakistan?*** November 13, 2007

SEATTLE, WA

Panel member speaking on the suspension of the Pakistani Constitution at Seattle University.

***The Role of Diversity in Corporate Boards,*** October 7, 2007

MIAMI, FL

Presented on a panel at LatCrit Annual Conference.

***Washington HB 1111: The Efficacy of Permissive Stakeholder Statutes,***

June 1, 2007

SEATTLE, WA

Keynote speaker for the Business Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association.

***Standpoint Theory and Feminist Geography,*** February 23, 2007

WASHINGTON, DC

Presented on a panel for Law, Culture and Humanities at Georgetown.

***State Law as Islamic Law in Modern Egypt,*** January 11, 2007

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Synthesized and critiqued recent scholarship on the interplay between Islamic legal traditions and constitutional law in Muslim states. Presented at the University of Washington School of Law.

***Islamic Legal Theories: Sunni and Shi`i,*** October 19, 2006

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

Provided an introduction to Islamic law with an emphasis on the distinction between Sunni and Shi`i schools of thought.

***Fiduciary Duty and State Pension Funds,*** July 19, 2006

PORT LUDLOW, WASHINGTON

Presentation as part of a seminar on good governance for the Washington State Investment Board.

***Religious Freedom: Women and Islam,*** April 27, 2006

TACOMA, WASHINGTON

CLE Presentation for the Washington State Attorney General's office.

***Divorce Law in Islamic Jurisprudence,*** March 22, 2006

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Presentation as part of a panel on Islamic law at Seattle University School of Law.

***Caliph and Pope: Women in Catholicism and Islam,*** March 4, 2006

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Presented a paper for a workshop on Islam, Women and Human Rights at Emory University School of Law.

***Minority Protections in the Iraqi Constitution***, October 12, 2005

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Presentation as part of a panel on the Iraqi Constitution at Seattle University School of Law.

***Detention and Asylum Cases after 9/11***, November 2, 2001

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Presentation to the Chicago Bar Association sponsored by the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center.

***Representing Clients from the Near East***, October 26, 2001

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Presentation to the Chicago Bar Association sponsored by the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center.

## **SERVICE**

**Chair, 2011 to present**

AALS Islamic Law Section

**Religious Left Law Commentator, 2011 to present**

A member and regular contributor to the main blog exploring progressive approaches to law and religion.

**Peer Reviewer, 2010 to present**

Peer reviewer for the Journal of the American Oriental Society in the area of Islamic law.

**Visiting Scholar, 2010 to present**

Researching Turkish secularism at the University of Washington School of Law, Asian Law Center.

**Research Fellow, 2010 to present**

Member of a three-year interdisciplinary research project on the relationship between religion and democracy, sponsored by the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage.

**Mirror of Justice Commentator, 2010 to present**

A member and regular contributor to the main blog exploring Catholicism and law.

**Dean Search Committee, 2009 to 2010**

Seattle University School of Law

**Chair of the Committee on Islamic Law, 2009 to 2011**

International Law Association, AB

**Chair of Budget Committee, 2008 to 2009**

Seattle University School of Law

**Faculty Advisor, 2008 to Present**

Middle Eastern Law Students Association, Seattle University School of Law

**Advisory Board Member, 2008 to Present**

Seattle City Employees' Retirement System Investment Committee

**Peer Reviewer, 2008 to present**

Peer reviewer for the Journal of Law and Religion in the area of Catholic legal thought.

**Peer Reviewer, 2008 to present**

Peer reviewer for Theological Studies in the area of Law & Religion

**Peer Reviewer, 2008 to present**

Peer reviewer for University of Chicago Press in the area of Islamic Law

**Conference Organizer, May 2008**

Conference on Catholic Legal Thought, Seattle University School of Law

**Roundtable Participant, March 2008**

Professors of Islamic Law, Harvard University

**Conference Co-Organizer, March 7, 2008**

Pluralism, Religion and the Law, Seattle University School of Law

**Executive Committee Member, 2008-Present**

Section for Islamic Law, AALS

**Executive Committee Member and Secretary, 2008-2011**

Section for Poverty Law, AALS

**Curriculum Committee, 2007-2008**

Seattle University School of Law

**Chair of the Executive Committee, 2007-2008**

Conference on Catholic Legal Thought

**Summer Program Professor, 2007**

Taught Comparative Constitutions of the Middle East at Bahcesehir University in Istanbul in cooperation with the University of Kansas.

**Organizing Committee, 2007**

Participated in a Seattle University committee to organize a series of talks on Muslim-Christian dialogue and facilitated the follow-up discussion at the law school.

**Peer Reviewer, 2007-2008**

Peer reviewer for Yale University Press in the area of Islamic Law.

**Executive Committee Member, 2007-2008**

Section for New Law Professors, AALS

**Faculty Advisor, 2007-2010**

St. Thomas Moore Society, Seattle University School of Law

**Executive Committee, 2006-Present**

Conference on Catholic Legal Thought

**Advisory Board Member, 2006-2010**

Center for the Study of Justice in Society, Seattle University School of Law

**Faculty Advisor, 2006-2010**

Association of Business Law Students, Seattle University School of Law

**Committee on International and Comparative Law, 2005-2007**

Seattle University School of Law

**Faculty Advisor, 2005-2010**

International Law Society, Seattle University School of Law

**Judicial Review Committee Member, 2005-Present**

QLaw, Washington

**Faculty Advisor, 2004-2005**

Christian Legal Society, Santa Clara University School of Law

**Faculty Advisor, 2004-2005**

Middle Eastern Law Students Association, Santa Clara U. School of Law

**Faculty Senate Member, 2004**

Law School Representative, Santa Clara University

**Director of Tokyo Summer Program, 2004**

Santa Clara University School of Law

**International Law Committee, 2003-2005**

Santa Clara University School of Law

**Faculty Advisor, 2002-2003**

Islamic Students Association, Loyola University Chicago

**Faculty Advisor, 2002-2003**

LGBT Students Association, Loyola University Chicago School of Law