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# Curriculum Vitae

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## A. Education:

- Ph.D.; Middle Eastern Studies; University of Toronto, Canada; 1993
- M.I.St; Information Studies; University of Toronto, Canada; 1997
- M.A.; Middle Eastern Studies; University of Toronto, Canada; 1986
- M.A.; Islamic History and Culture; University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; 1978
- B.A. (Honors); Islamic History and Culture; University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; 1977

## B. Language Skill:

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| ◆ Arabic (Fluent in R W, slow in S*) | ◆ Hindi (Fluent in S)                 |
| ◆ Bengali (Fluent in R W S)          | ◆ Persian (Reading)                   |
| ◆ English (Fluent in R W S)          | ◆ Urdu (Fluent in R W S)              |
| ◆ French (Reading)                   | * R= reading, W= writing, S= speaking |

## C. Positions Held:

- ◆ 2003 – current; Associate Professor of Library Administration and Middle Eastern Studies Librarian; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- ◆ 1999 –2003; Middle East Librarian; Stanford University, Stanford, California.
- ◆ 1997 –1999; Assistant Professor; Dept. of History and Civilization; International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ◆ 1997 –1999; Adjunct Professor; Dept. of Library and Information Science; International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ◆ 1996 –1997; Research Associate; Dept. of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, Canada.
- ◆ 1995 –1996; Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations; University of Toronto, Canada.
- ◆ 1994 –1995; Adjunct Professor, Center for Study of Religion; University of Toronto, Canada.
- ◆ 1985 –1992 (including study leave); Assistant Professor; Islamic History and Culture; University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ◆ 1980 –1984; Lecturer, then Assistant Professor; Islamic History and Culture; University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

#### **D. Other Professional Employment:**

- ◆ Middle East Specialist; Technical Services, University of Toronto Library; Toronto, Canada; 1990–1995.

#### **E. Countries Travelled:**

- ◆ Bangladesh      ◆ Egypt      ◆ Jordan      ◆ Saudi Arabia      ◆ Turkey
- ◆ Canada      ◆ England      ◆ Malaysia      ◆ Syria      ◆ UAE

#### **F. Research and Publications:**

##### **☐ Articles Published:**

- ◆ “Dictionaries – Asian – Middle East” in *Guide to Reference Sources*, 12th edition by the American Library Association (online version, 2008).
- ◆ “Emigration” in the *Encyclopedia of the Qur’an*, Leiden: Brill, 2002; vol. II: 18-23.
- ◆ “Emigrants and Helpers” in the *Encyclopedia of the Qur’an*, Leiden: Brill, 2002; vol. II: 14-18.
- ◆ “Sources on Islamic Family Law: An Introductory Essay.” *Canadian Law Libraries* 22, no. 2: 50-54.22/ii (1997), 50-54.
- ◆ “Jizya in Early Islam.” (A revised and edited version of the article published in 1987). *Encyclopaedic Survey of Islamic Culture*, edited by Mohamed Taher (New Delhi: Anmal Publications, 1997), vol. VIII: Studies in Islamic Economics, pp. 107-119.
- ◆ With Maria Subtelny. “Annemarie Schimmel Bibliography.” *Annemarie Schimmel Festschrift = Journal of Turkish Studies*, (Harvard University), 18(1994), v-xxi.
- ◆ “Some Aspects of Muslim Revivalist Movements in India during the Eighteenth Century: The Activities of Shah Wali Allah of Delhi.” *Islamic Culture*, 63/iii(1989), 19-41.
- ◆ “The Mongol Conquest of Baghdad: Medieval Accounts and their Modern Assessments.” *The Islamic Quarterly*, 32(1988), 194-206.
- ◆ “Bernard Lewis’ The Muslim Discovery of Europe in the Eyes of the Reviewers.” *Islamic Studies*, 27(1988), 329-338.
- ◆ “Jizya in Early Islam: Theory and Practice.” *Islamic Culture*, 61(1987), 55-72.
- ◆ “The Development of the Institution of Madrasa and the Nizamiyyah of Baghdad.” *Islamic Studies*, 26(1987), 253-263.
- ◆ “The Revolt of ‘Abd al-Rahman ibn al-Ash‘th: Its Nature and Causes.” *Islamic Studies*, 25(1986), 289-304.

- ◆ “Islame Bhumi Beboatha” (Land Tenure in Early Islam), in Bengali, *Dhaka University Studies* [Dhaka Bishwabhidyaloy Potrika], 22 (1985), 165-185.
- ◆ “Khilafat Yuge Muslim Shikhma Beboatha: Kromobikasher Dhara,” (Muslim Education During the Middle Ages: Trends of Development), in Bengali, *Chittagong University Studies*, 5-6, pt. 1(1983), 117-144.

☐ **Works in Progress** (to be published as journal articles and book chapters):

- ◆ “Agents of Decline in the ‘Abbasid Caliphate During the First Half of the Tenth Century.’”
- ◆ “Bureaucracy in the Fractured Caliphate: Rise and Fall of the ‘Abbasid Vizier Ibn al-Furāt.’”
- ◆ “Ibn Fadlan’s Mission to Volga Bulgars: Commerce, Commodities, and Religion in ‘Abbasid Foreign Relations during the Early 10th Century.’”
- ◆ “Declining Agriculture and the Economy of the ‘Abbasid Caliphate during the 4th/10th century.’”

☐ **Conference Papers:**

- “A New Economic Model for Turkey: View from the Above.” Guest Speaker at the Milli Ekonomi Modeli Kongresi, Istanbul (Turkey), November 26-27, 2005. Abstract at *Uluslararası Milli Ekonomi Modeli Kongresi: Tebliğler*, Istanbul (2005), pp. 215-218; also at <http://www.milliekonomimodeli.com/index.php?icerikno=27>.
- Organized a panel on the “‘Abbasid Economic History” and presented a paper entitled: “The Declining Agriculture and the Economy of the ‘Abbasid Caliphate During the 4th/10th century” at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2001, San Francisco, California.
- “Abbasid Mission to Volga Bulgars: Was it a Religious or a Trade Mission?” Paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2000, Orlando, Florida.
- “Shura as a Political Institution During the Early History of Islam.” Paper presented at the “Symposium on the Islamic Political Process”, International Islamic University, Malaysia in October 1998.
- “‘According to the customary practice of merchants.’ Hananfi Flexibility for Trade and Traders: *Mudaraba* as a Commercial Tool.” Paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 1994, Phoenix, Arizona.

☐ **Invited Lectures:**

- "Visiting Upper Volga with Ibn Fadlan: Commerce, Commodities, and Religion in ‘Abbasid Foreign Relations during the Early 10th Century." University of Illinois, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Brown Bag Lecture, November 18, 2008.

- “Islamic Sites in Cairo and Damascus: A Visitor’s Observations.” University of Illinois, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Brown Bag Lecture, October 7, 2008.
- “Ibn Fadlan’s Mission to the Upper Volga Region: Rereading Abbasid History in the 21st Century.” Invited lecture at the Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Dhaka; April 17, 2008.
- “Qur’anic Formula for Building an Ideal Society.” Invited lecture at the Hamdard Foundation, Dhaka (Bangladesh); March 31, 2008
- “Qur’anic Law and the Shari‘ah Law.” Invited lecture at the National Press Club, Dhaka (Bangladesh); March 22, 2008.
- “Manara in Mosque Architecture: Historical Development and Social Meaning.” Invited lecture at the Central Illinois Mosques and Islamic Center, Urbana IL; April 2004
- “Libraries in the Islamic World: Historical Development.” Invited lecture at the Central Illinois Mosques and Islamic Center, Urbana IL; December 2003.

#### 📖 Book Reviews:

- ◆ Ron Geaves, *Key Words in Islam* (Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2006), forthcoming in MELA Notes, Journal of Middle East Librarians Association.
- ◆ *The Qur'an: Style and Contents* ed. by Andrew Reippin (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 2001), *Al-Masaq: Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean*, 16/ii (2004), 267-270.
- ◆ Chase F. Robinson, *Empire and Elites after the Muslim Conquest: the Transformation of Northern Mesopotamia* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 37/ii (June 2004), 259-260.
- ◆ Michael Brett, *The Rise of the Fatimids: The World of the Mediterranean and the Middle East in the Fourth Century of Hijra, Tenth Century CE.* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2001), *Al-Masaq: Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean*, 16/i (2004), 184-186.
- ◆ *Encyclopedia of Iranica*, Ed. by Ehsan Yar Shater, vol. 9, fascicles i-iii. (New York: Persian Heritage Foundation), (MELA Notes, Journal of Middle East Librarians Association, 70-71 (2001), 23-25.
- ◆ Sherman Jackson, *Islamic Law and the State: The Constitutional Jurisprudence of Shihab al Din al-Qarafi* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1996), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 21/i (2000), 15-17.
- ◆ Amikam Elad, *Medieval Jerusalem and Islamic Worship: Holy Places, Ceremonies, Pilgrimage* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 18/i(1997), 43-45.
- ◆ Francis E. Peters, *Mecca, A Literary History of the Muslim Holy Land* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 18/i (1997), 45-48.
- ◆ Michael Lecker, *Muslims, Jews and Pagans: Studies in Early Islamic Medina* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 18/ii (1998), 23-25.

- ◆ Robert B. Serjeant et al., (eds.), *New Arabian Studies*, vol. 1(1993), vol. 2 (1994), (Exeter: University of Exeter Press), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 18/ii (1998), 257-59.
- ◆ Michael Chamberlain, *Knowledge and Social Practice in Medieval Damascus, 1190-1350* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994), *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 31 (1997), 85-86.
- ◆ E. van Donzel (ed.), *Islamic Desk Reference* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1994), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 17/iv(1997), 18.
- ◆ Farhad Daftary, *The Assassin Legends: Myths of the Isma'ilis* (London: I. B. Tauris, 1994), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 17/ii (1997), 39-41.
- ◆ Michel Chodkiewicz, *Seal of the Saints: Prophethood and Sainthood in the Doctrine of Ibn 'Arabi* (Cambridge: Islamic Text Society, 1993), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 16/iv (1996), 27-29.
- ◆ Rika Gyselen (ed.), *Circulation des Monnaie, des Marchandises et des Biens* (Leuven: E. Peeters, 1993), *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 29 (1995), 89-90.
- ◆ Roger Allen, *A Period of Time: A Study and Translation of Hadith 'Isa ibn Hisham by al Muwaylihi* (Reading: Ithaca Press, 1992), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 15/iii (1995), 62-63.
- ◆ Norman Calder, *Studies in Early Muslim Jurisprudence* (Oxford: Oxford University press, 1993), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 15/i (1994), 11-15.
- ◆ S. Hirtenstein & M. Tiernan (eds.), *Muhyiddin ibn 'Arabi (AD1165-1240)* (Dorset: Element Book Ltd., 1992), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 14/iv (1994), 11-12.
- ◆ Bernard G. Weiss, *The Search for God's Law: Islamic Jurisprudence in the Writings of Sayf al Din al Amidi* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1992), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 14/iv (1994), 9-11.
- ◆ Ghazali, *The Ninety-nine Beautiful Names of God. Al-Maqsad al-asna fi sharh asma' Allah al husna*, translated by David B. Burrell & Nazih Daher (Cambridge: The Islamic Text Society, 1992), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 14/iii (1994), 16-18.
- ◆ Alan Jones (ed.), *Arabicus Felix Luminosus Britannicus. Essays in Honour of A.F.L. Beeston on His Eightieth Birthday* (Reading: Ithaca Press, 1991), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 14/ii (1994), 52-55.
- ◆ Jashua Blau & Stefan C. Reif (eds.), *Genizah Research After Ninety Years: The Case of Judeo-Arabic* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 14/ii (1994), 40-41.
- ◆ Musallam al-Lahji, *The Sira of Imam Ahmad ibn Yahya al Nasir li-Din Allah*, ed. by W. Madelung, (Reading: Ithaca Press, 1990), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 14/i (1993), 10-12.
- ◆ R. B. Serjeant & R. L. Bidwell (eds.), *Arabian Studies* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 13/iii (1993), 37-40.

- ◆ S. Seikaly et al. (eds.), *Quest for Understanding: Arabic and Islamic Studies in Memory of Malcolm H. Kerr* (Beirut: American University, 1991), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 13/iii (1993), 37-40.
- ◆ Wael B. Hallaq & Donald P. Little (eds.), *Islamic Studies Presented to Charles J. Adams* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1991), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 12/iv (1992), 4-6.
- ◆ K.N. Chaudhury, *Asia Before Europe: Economy and Civilization of the Indian Ocean from the Rise of Islam to 1750* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 12/ii (1992), 39-43.
- ◆ Bernard Lewis, *Race and Slavery in the Middle East* (Oxford University Press, 1990), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 12/ii (1992), 36-39.
- ◆ George Makdisi, *The Rise of Humanism in Classical Islam and the West with Special Reference to Scholasticism* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1990), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 12/i (1991), 26-29.
- ◆ André Clot, *Harun al-Rashid and the World of Thousand and One Nights* (London: Saqi Books, 1989), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 11/iv(1991), 22-24.
- ◆ B. Manz, *The Rise and Rule of Tamerlane* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 11/iii (1991), 30-31.
- ◆ R. B. Pridham (ed.), *The Arab Gulf and the Arab World* (London: Croom Helm, 1988), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 10/ii (1989), 41-45.
- ◆ B. Weiss and A. Green, *A Survey of Arab History* (Cairo: American University of Cairo Press, 1985), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 9/i (1988), 39.
- ◆ R. Olson (ed.), *Islamic and Middle Eastern Societies* (Vermont: Amana Books, 1987), *The Muslim World Book Review*, 10/i (1989), 41-45.

#### ☐ **Others:**

- Editor, *AAMES Newsletter* (the newsletter of the Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section of the ACRL/American Library Association), 2005- 2006.
- Editor, *Iqra* (the quarterly magazine of the South Bay Islamic Association, San Jose, CA) 2000-2003.

#### **G. Academic Awards and Scholarships:**

- Commonwealth Scholarship (1985-1990)
- Dhaka University Merit Scholarship (1974-78)

#### **H. Membership in Professional Organizations:**

- ALA (American Library Association)
- AAMES of the ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries)
- Library History Round Table
- College and Research Libraries, ACRL

- Middle East Studies Association
- Middle East Medievalists
- Middle East Librarians Association
- Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

### **I. Service to the Profession:**

- AAMES (Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA)
  - ◆ Chair, 2007-2008
  - ◆ Vice Chair, 2006-2007
  - ◆ Chair of the Publications Committee (2005-2006)
  - ◆ Editor of the *AAMES Newsletter* (2005-2006)
- Middle East Librarians Association
  - ◆ Chair of the David H. Partington Award Committee (2005/2006)
  - ◆ Member of the David H. Partington Award Committee (2004/2005)
  - ◆ Member of the Committee on Cataloging (2004/2005-present)
  - ◆ Member of the Research and Publication Committee (2007-present)

### **J. Service to the Community:**

- Educational, Charitable and Humanitarian Organization (ECHO), Santa Clara, California (registered in California as a charitable organization).
  - ◆ President of the Board of Directors; 2002-2007.
- Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center, Urbana, IL
  - ◆ President of the Board of Directors, 2009-
  - ◆ Chair of the Ibadat Committee, 2006-2009
  - ◆ Chair of the Seminar Committee, 2003-2006.