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 Assistant Professor of Arabic
 Department of Religious Studies
 University of California Santa Barbara

Education

2006 Ph.D. Arabic-Islamic Studies, Yale University
 1998 M.A. Comparative Literature, Princeton University
 1994 B.A. Comparative Literary Studies, Northwestern University

Primary fields of Research

Islamic Theology
 Islamic Intellectual History
 Islamic Historiography (Biographical Dictionaries)

Primary Teaching Interests

Arabic Language
 Islamic Theology
 Islamic Intellectual History
 Religion and Literature

Courses Taught at the University of California Santa Barbara (2006-2007):

Advanced Arabic (Fall Quarter 2006) RGST 148 A
 Second year Arabic (Winter Quarter 2007) RGST 10E
 Introduction to Islamic Theology (Winter Quarter 2007) RGST 149 A
 Advanced Arabic (Spring Quarter 2007) RG ST 148C
 Classical Arabic Texts (Spring Quarter 2007) RG ST 288

Languages

Arabic: Native speaker
 French: Fluent in Speaking, Writing and Reading
 German: Reading knowledge
 Persian: Reading knowledge with a dictionary

Grants and fellowships

2004-2005: Yale Dissertation Fellowship
 Fall 2003: Beinecke Fellowship
 1999-2002: Yale University Fellowship
 1995-1998: Princeton University Fellowship

Publications

"Abū l-Qāsim al-Ka'bī/al-Balkhī's Doctrine on the Imāma," in *A Common Rationality. Mu'tazilism in Islam and Judaism* (forthcoming)

"Ibn Taymīya's Theology of the *Sunna* through His Polemics with the Aš'arites," in *Ibn Taymīya and His Times* (forthcoming)

Professional Affiliations

Middle East Studies Association
 American Academy of Religion
 American Oriental Society