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## **Education**

### **Al-Azhar University**

Ph.D. in Islamic Studies in English

Graduated October 2007

PhD. in Hadith studies. Title of dissertation: *Studies in Early Sources of the Prophet Mohammad Biography with Critical Edition of MS Berlin 9409.*

### **Al-Azhar University**

MA in Islamic Studies in English

Graduated April 2005

MA in Hadith Studies in English. Degree requires studying two-year diploma in addition to writing a thesis. Thesis Title: *Hadith Textual Criticism in Muslim and Modern Western Studies.* I obtained it with honor degree.

### **Al-Azhar University**

BA in Islamic Studies in English

Graduated May 1997

I obtained BA in Islamic studies in English, with first honor degree; top student record.



## **Employment History**

### **Department of Islamic Studies in English, Al-Azhar University**

*Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor.*

February 2008 – to the present

Teaching Islamic studies courses such as, comparative Islamic law, Islamic legal theory, Hadith, exegesis of the Quran, Quranic studies, Islamic theology and history. I also supervised MA and PhD. students. It included working on developing the department curricula.

### **Miskhah University**

<https://mishkahu.com/>

*Associate Professor, Professor, Dean of Academic Affairs.*

Houston, Texas

March 2008 – to the present

It is an online-based university. I founded the department of Islamic studies in English by designing the program objectives, outlines, and course syllabi. I also supervised teachers and participated in building the general strategy of the university. I also participated in teaching courses on Islamic studies. I teach the following courses: 1) Islamic legal theory, Hadith Sciences, Quran Sciences, Fiqh of Hadith, Ten Recitations of the Quran: History and Rules, Islamic Law: Family Affairs II, and Contemporary Fiqh issues.

### **Department of Orientalism, Taibah University:**

<https://www.taibahu.edu.sa/Pages/AR/Sector/SectorPage.aspx?ID=13&PageId=826>

*Associate Professor*

Medina, Al Madinah Province

August 2011 – August 2020

Department of Orientalism provides postgraduate program on Islamic studies from an orientalist perspective. I taught courses on Islamic subjects such as Islamic law, Hadith, Quranic Studies, and Islamic theology. It further included teaching Islamic civilization and culture. I provided supervised and discussed many MA theses at the department. I also headed committees for curricula development, quality assurance and quality control.

### **Department of Orientalism, Taibah University**

<https://www.taibahu.edu.sa/Pages/AR/Sector/SectorPage.aspx?ID=13&PageId=826>

*Vice-Chairman*

Medina, Al Madinah Province

August 2014 – August 2017

It included supervising administrative work, teaching, heading committees and work coordination.

### **Shoura Council of Bakersfield**

<http://www.iscob.org/about-us.html>

*President*

### **Islamic Center of San Joaquin Valley**

*Imam and Director*

Bakersfield, California

May 2004 – Present

Heading the Islamic Shoura Council of Bakersfield. Leading Muslim congregation and teaching courses on Islamic studies. I also was the head of the Islamic Sunday school.

## **Publications**

### **A. Journals**

1. Dating Hadith Textual Transposition by Means of Sanad-cum-matn Analysis, *Al-Bayān – Journal of Qur'ān and Ḥadīth Studies* 16 (2018) 91-113.
2. The Jāmi' of Ma'mar b. Rāshid: One of the Earliest Ḥadīth Anthologies -A Source Critical Study, *Journal of Hadith Sira Studies*, no. (2019).
3. Hadith Translation: Handling Linguistic and Juristic Problems in Translating Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī, *Occasional Papers Journal, Center for Developing English Language Teaching, Ain Shams University*, vol. 68, (October 2019).
4. "Brevity in Hadith Texts: Dating of Short and Long Versions of the Hadith on Lapidation," in *Australian Journal of Islamic Studies*, no. 1 (2020).
5. Assessment of Hadith Translations in Pursuit of Venuti's Domestication and Foreignization Strategies, *Occasional Papers Journal, Center for Developing English Language Teaching, Ain Shams University*, vol. 68, (October 2019).
6. Interfaith Dialogue: A Legal Muslim Perspective of Validity, Concept and Practices, *Insight Journal*, vol. 3, no. 1
7. The Impact of Different Prayer Calendars on Dawn (Fajr) and Night ('Isha') Prayers for Muslims Living in Non-Muslim Territories, *Journal of the Faculty of Languages and Translation*, 2008.
8. Hadith Conflict: Mechanism for Interpretation and Reconciliation in Pursuit of Preference Rules, Hadith Phenomenology and Abrogation, *Faculty of Languages Journal* January 2007.
9. Detecting Textual Additions of Reliable Hadith Transmitters, in *Islamic Studies Journal* Autumn 2010, Number 3
10. Establishment and Disavowal of Paternity by Means of DNA: Muslim Legal Perspective , *Journal of Humanities*, Al-Azhar University 2012.
11. Ambiguity in Islamic Legal Hermeneutics and its Impact on Juristic Differences: An Islamic Legal Theoretical Perspective, *International Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*, vol. 33 (2019).

12. Correlating Some Early Hijazi and Kufan Quran Fragments to their Ancestral 'Uthmānī Codices, Burhan: *Journal of Qur'ān and Sunnah Studies*, vol. 5, no. 2 (2021)
13. Multilevel Marketing: Inner Workings, Socioeconomic Effects and the Islamic Juridical View, *International Journal of Educational and Psychological Sciences (IJEPS)*, vol. 47, no. 65 (2021).
14. Tübingen M a VI 165 Quran Manuscript and its Compatibility with 'Uthmān's Codices, *Contemporary Islam: Dynamics of Muslim Life*, vol. 15, no. 3 (2021).
15. Euthanasia and Islamic Rulings Pertinent to Maintaining and Removing Artificial Life Support Devices, *Al Qasimia University Journal of Shari'a Sciences and Islamic Studies*, vol. 1, (no. 2) 2021

## B. Books

16. Mohammad Said Alrahawan, *Reconciling Law and Legal Theory; A Translation of al-Tilmisānī's Miftah al-Wusul*, New York: Peter Lang 2020, ISBN 978-1-4331-7017-1.
17. English Textbook for Shari'ah Students. Sharia'h Academy of America, 2010
18. Mohammad Alrahawan, *The Science of Hadith Terminology and Classification*, IIPH. 2012.
19. *Hadith Textual Criticism in Muslim and Modern Western Studies*, IIPH (it is going to be published soon).
20. *Studies in Early Sources of the Prophet Muhammad's Biography*, IIPH, 2015.
21. Mohammad Alrahawan, *Commentary on Umdat Al-Aḥkām*, (forthcoming publication which is estimated to fall in 3000 pages)

## Publications in Arabic

22. وسائل إثبات ونفي النسب في الشريعة الإسلامية بالنظر للتطورات الطبية والنوازل الفقهية المعاصرة للمسلمين المقيمين خارج ديار الإسلام، مجلة الدراسات الإسلامية، العدد الثاني، المجلد الثامن والأربعون (أبريل-يونيو 2013 - جمادى الأولى - رجب 1434هـ).
23. حكم مشاركة المرأة المسلمة في العمل السياسي خارج ديار الإسلام، بحث مقدم لمجمع فقهاء الشريعة في دورته العاشرة المنعقد بالكويت في الفترة من 24-26/5/1435هـ الموافق 25-27/3/2014م
24. الذبح الماكيني ومدى تطابقه مع أحكام التذكية الشرعية، بحث مقدم لمجمع فقهاء الشريعة بأمريكا في دورته التاسعة، بدولة الكويت، مارس 2013.
25. حكم الخلوة بين الجنسين بغرض التداوي، بحث مقدم لمجمع فقهاء الشريعة بأمريكا في دورته التاسعة، بدولة الكويت، مارس 2013.
26. الأحكام الفقهية المتعلقة بإبقاء ونزع أجهزة الإنعاش الصناعي، بحث مقدم لمجمع فقهاء الشريعة بأمريكا في دورته التاسعة، بدولة الكويت، مارس 2013.
27. أثر المخطوطات العتق للقرآن الكريم على تصور الرسم العثماني في الدرس الإسلامي والاستشراقي، بحث مقدم لمؤتمر الإقراء بالرباط عام 1440هـ.
28. التفريق وفسخ عقدة النكاح والآثار المترتبة عليهما في ضوء الشريعة والنوازل الفقهية للمسلمين المقيمين خارج ديار الإسلام، بحث مقدم للمؤتمر الثامن لمجمع فقهاء الشريعة بأمريكا، في دورته الثامنة، بدولة الكويت، مارس 2012.

## Languages

Arabic: Native

English: Near native

German: Conversational

## Affiliations of Academic Societies and Assemblies

- Member of the Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America since 2010
- Member of the Supreme Council of Muslim Affairs, Egypt.
- Member at NAIF (North America Imam Federation)

- Member of the Committee of Academic Development, School of Humanities, Taibah University.
- Peer reviewer: Quarterly Insight
- Peer reviewer: Kaseem conference on Orientalism 2017
- Peer reviewer: Imam M. b. Saud University conference on interfaith dialogue 2013.
- Peer reviewer: Al Qasimia University Journal of Shari'a Sciences and Islamic Studies

## Conferences

Montreal 2009: AMJA (Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America) conference on contemporary fiqh issues of Muslim youth in the West.

Kuwait 2012: AMJA conference on food and medicine contemporary fiqh issues.

Kuwait 2013: AMJA Conference on contemporary fiqh issues of Muslim family in the West.

Istanbul 2018: AMJA conference on Islamic Dawah in the West.

Riyadh 2013: Conference on interfaith dialogue at Imam M. b. Saud University.

Kaseem, KSA 2017: Conference on Orientalism: pros and cons

## Further Activities

- Scholar at Huda TV: <https://www.huda.tv/>
- Presented some recorded programs at Peace TV.
- Presented some recorded programs at Saudi Channel 2

## Samples of my Speeches

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tccl5SWuU4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Am2Gk6D6Cr8>

## Traditional Classical Islamic Studies

- A. I received professional certificates in recitation of the Quran according to the following readings, Ḥafṣ from 'Aṣim, the recitation of Abū 'Amr al-Basri, the recitation of of Ibn Kathir al-Makki, the reading of Ya'qub al-Ḥaḍamī, the recitation of Qālūn, the recitation of Abū Ja'far and the reading of Qālūn from Nāfi'.

### B. Hadith Books

1. Ijazah in the transmission of the five books of Hadith from Shaykh Khalid Marghoub al-Hindi.
2. Ijazah in the Forty hadiths of Nawawy from Shaykh Khalid Marghoub al-Hindi and from Shaykh Salih b. Abdullah Al-USaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.

3. Ijazah in the transmission of the five books of Hadith from Shaykh Ahmad Surati
4. Ijazah in the transmission of Umdat al-Akham from Shaykh Khalid Marghoub al-Hindi.
5. Ijazah in reading and teaching of Imam Malik's Muwatta. I received it from both Shaykh Khalid Marghoub al-Hindi and Shaykh Ahmad Surati.
6. I read Nukhbat al-Fikr by Ibn Hajar at the sessions of Shakhly Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.
7. I received Bayquiniyya through Shakhly Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA and Shaykh Khalid Marghou

### **C. Certificates in Islamic Law**

1. Ijazah in the transmission and teaching of *Minhaj al-Talbeen* of Imam Nawawi in Fiqh Shafi'i from Shaykh Ahmad b. Ali Al-Maqrami.
2. Ijazah in the transmission and teaching *Matn Al-Ghayah wa Al-Taqreeb* in Shafi'i Fiqh from Shaykh Ahmad b. Ali al-Maqrami.
3. Ijazah in the transmission and teaching of Umdat al-Salik in Fiqh Shafi'i from Shaykh Ahmad b. Ali al-Maqrami.
4. Ijazah in the transmission and reading of Al-Risalah by ibn Abi Zayd al-Maliki from Shaykh Ahmad Taha Rayyan, the head of Maliki school of law in Egypt and member of the committee of Muslim scholars of Egypt.
5. Ijazah in the reading of Qadduri's Kitab in Hanfi Fiqh from Shaykh Khalil al-Mees, the Mufti of Lebanon.
6. I read a part of the commentary of Dardeer on the abridgment Khalil in Maliki Fiqh at the sessions of Shaykh Muhmmad Mustafa al-Maliki.
7. I received a part of the commentary of Shaykh Mohammad b. al-Mokthar al-Shinqeeti on al-Umdah by Ibn Qudamah.

### **D. Tafsir and Quran Sciences**

1. The Introduction to Tafsir by Ibn Taymiyah. I received it through Shakhly Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.
2. I received certificate from Shaykh Prof. Nabeel al-Juhari on the Principle of Tafsir

### **E. Usul al-Fiqh (Islamic Legal Theory)**

1. Ijazah in reading and teaching of the Risalah of Imam Muhammad b. Idrees al-Shafi'i from Shaykh Mustaf Makhdoum and Shaykh Abdullah b. Abdulwahhab Khallaf.
2. Studied Ghurrar Bahiyyah in Legal Maxims by Shaykh Prof. Mustafa b. Karamatullah Makhdum al-Madani.

3. Studied Miftah al-Wusul ila Takhreej al-Furoo' Ala al-Usul by Tilmisani by Shaykh Prof. Mustafa b. Karamatullah Makhdum al-Madani.
4. Studied Ihkam al-Ahkam by ibn Daqeeq al-Id by Shaykh Prof. Mustafa b. Karamatullah Makhdum al-Madani.
5. Studied commentary on Maraqi as-Su'ood in Usul al-Fiqh by Shaykh Prof. Mustafa b. Karamatullah Makhdum al-Madani.
6. Ijazah in reading and transmission of Sa'di's Legal Maxims received from Shakhy Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.
7. I read al-Waraqat to both Shaykh Abdul-Wahhab al-Shinqitee the student of Shaykh Muhammad al-Amin at the Prophet's Mosque. I also received it through Shakhy Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.
8. I read a great part of *Ihakam al-Ahkam* by ibn Daqiq to the Shaykh Mustafa Makhdum

#### **F. Islamic Creed**

1. Ijazah and transmission of *Thalat al-Usul* by Shaykh Muhammad b. Abdulwahhab. I received it from Shakhy Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.
2. Ijazah and transmission of Al-Aqeedah al-Wasitiyyah of ibn Taymiyah. I received it from Shakhy Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.
3. I received Al-Shari'ah by Imam Al-Ajurri from Shaykh Abdul-Razzaq al-Badr at the Prophet's Mosque in Medina.
4. I received the Tahawiyyah textbook in Aqeedah from Shaykh Khalid Marghoub al-Hindi.
5. I studied a great part of *al-Sharee'ah* of al-Ajurri at the session of Sahaykh 'Abdu-Razzaq al-Badr.
6. I studied a part of the book of *Tawheed* at the sessions of Shaykh 'Abdu-Razzaq al-Badr.
7. I studied a part of the book of *al-Wasetiyyah* at the sessions of Shaykh 'Abdu-Razzaq al-Badr>
8. I studied a part of the book of *al-Furqan* by ibn Taymiyah at the sessions of Shaykh 'Abdu-Razzaq al-Badr

#### **G. Arabic Language**

1. I received al-Ajurramiyyah through Shakhy Salih b. Abdullah Al-Usaymi, member of the committee of Muslim Scholars in KSA.

2. I received Qatr an-Nada from Shaykh Aheed al-Shinqeeti, the teacher at the Prophet's Mosque in Medina.
3. I read the Alifiyah and Sharh of Ibn Aqeel at al-Azahr high school, Egypt.

## References

1. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdullah Al-Sharkawi; former head of the dept. of philosophy; Dar al-Ulum, Cairo University; former head of the international interfaith conference, Doha.  
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3. Dr. Talal Abdullah Malloush, head of the department of orientalism, Taibah University, Madinah, KSA  
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