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**Education**

Ph.D. Department of History & Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2024

Dissertation: “Reviving Muslim Knowledge Traditions: Shāh Walī Allāh Dihlawī and 18th century Trans-national Knowledge Networks, 1703-1762” ;

Advisor: Ebrahim Moosa

M.A. Department of History, University of Notre Dame, 2021

Fields: Mughal History, Islamic Studies, Peace Studies, Contemporary Islam

M.T.S. Islamic Studies, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2017

B.A. Arabic Studies; Chinese Studies, Williams College, 2015

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

R&R “The Sufi Hadith Tradition of Shah Ali Allah Dihlawi (d.1762): The Triumph of Sufism in the Eighteenth Century. *Journal of Islam and Muslim Societies,* Indiana University-Bloomington.

In progress “The Hajj as Knowledge Transformation: Shah Wali Allah and Sufi Metaphysics in Arabia 1730-2.” *Religions*.

2023 “Hujjat Allah al-Baligha”, in *The Database on Religious History*, University of British Columbia.

2022 Shairani, Khan; Moosa, Ebrahim. “The Barēlvī School of Thought.” In Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies. Ed. Natana DeLong-Bas. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Engaged Scholarship and Web Publications**

2023 Shairani, Khan, “Smashing Modernity’s Idols and Redeeming our Past(s): A Response to Khaled El-Furani’s *Redeeming Anthropology*,” *Contending Modernities Blog*, University of Notre Dame, 2023.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2023-24 Kroc Institute Stephen Pepe Fellowship, University of Notre Dame

2021-22 Alternate, Fulbright U.S. Research Fellowship, Istanbul, Turkey

2021-22 Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, University of Notre Dame

2018-23 Presidential Fellow, University of Notre Dame

2020 Language Training Grant, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, University of Notre Dame, Istanbul, Turkey

2019 Summer Research Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame, London, UK

2015-17 Presidential Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

2015-17 Alternate, Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship, US Department of State

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Notre Dame, Sole Instructor**

2020 “Peace Lab: Introduction to Madrasa Discourses, What is a Madrasa? Islamic Education Then and Now”, Fall

**University of Notre Dame, Teaching Assistantships**

2021 Emmanuel Katongole, “Ecology and Integral Human Development,” Spring

2020 David Hooker, “Strategic Peacebuilding,” Fall

2020 Jason Springs, “Structural and Cultural Violence,” Spring

2019 Laurie Nathan, “International Conflict Resolution: Mediation,” Fall

2018 Ebrahim Moosa, “Moral Vocabularies of Modern Islam,” Spring

**Guest Lectures**

2023 “Ottoman Law and Political Authority: The Apogee of Suleiman,” for Mahmoud Youness’ “Islamic Constitutionalism”, October 12.

2023 “Seeing with the Heart: Music in Islam,” for Ebrahim Moosa’s “Introduction to Islam,” October 5.

2023 “Sufism and Spatiality: Space and Culture,” for John Onyango’s “Non-western Architecture: the Sufi Lodge.” February 13.

2023 “The War(s) in Afghanistan,” for Ebrahim Moosa’s “Introduction to Global Affairs.” March 3.

2022 “Interfaith Perspectives in Development: the case of Islam.” for Emmanuel Katongole’s “Ecology and IHD.” March 14.

2022 “Structural and Cultural Violence in Religious Peacebuilding,” for Emmanuel Katongole’s “Ecology and IHD.” March 21.

2020 “ Franz Fanon and Violent Revolution,” for David Hooker’s “Strategic Peacebuilding.” September 28.

2020 “Saba Mahmood and Agency,” for David Hooker’s “Strategic Peacebuilding.” October 5.

2020 “Talal Asad and Religion as an Anthropological Category,” for David Hooker’s “Strategic Peacebuilding.” October 12.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2023 Presented and chaired panel at the Annual Conference on South Asia, November 2023, Madison, Wisconsin

2023 “Islamic Knowledge Traditions Before Colonialism: Sufism.” Rome Summer Seminar on Politics and Religion, Rome, Italy. June 4-17.

2022 “The Hajj Pilgrimage from an Indian Perspective: Shah Wali Allah Dihlawi 1730-32.” American Academy of Religion (AAR), Denver, Colorado. “Historical Reconstructions of Islam.” November 19-22.

2022 “Shah Wali Allah Dihlawi and the Revival-Reform Paradigm.” Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies Resilience Conference, University of Notre Dame. April 19-20.

2022 “Smashing Modernity’s Idols and Redeeming Our Past(s): Beyond Universal Epistemologies.” Respondent to Khaled Furani’s, *Redeeming Anthropology* at Mirza Family Chair Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, March 24-5.

2021 Participant in “Inquilab: Revolutions, Revolts, and Realignments in 18th Century South Asia, at Princeton University, February 26-28.

2020 “Islamic Translations: The Shijing and the Tianfang Shijing.” American Oriental Society, March (COVID-19).

2019 “Cyclical Histories: Ibn Khaldun and Giambattista Vico.” Madrasa Discourses Summer Intensive. Pakistan, July 15-22.

**FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Religion and History Workshops**

2024 Transatlantic Exchange Workshop, Bielefeld University. Bielefeld, Germany. May 16-21.

2023 Workshop on Religion and Politics, John Cabot University. Rome, Italy. June 4–17.

2022 Madrasa Discourses Summer Intensive, Nepal. July 22-31.

2019 Madrasa Discourses Winter Intensive, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar. December 21-29.

**Language Intensive Funding**2024 Persian, Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

2021 Ottoman Turkish, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey

2017-8 Classical Arabic, QASID Institute, Amman, Jordan

2017 Arabic, Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), Jordan Language Academy, Amman, Jordan

2016 Harvard China Fund Chinese Language Program, Chengdu University, Chengdu, China

2016 Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center’s Summer Arabic Language and Media (SALAM), Nizwa, Oman

2015 Chinese Government Scholarship for 1-year Language Fellowship, Beijing, China, declined.

2013 International Chinese Language Program (ICLP), Taipei, Taiwan

2013 Gilman Scholarship for International Study, US State Department, Taipei, Taiwan

2013 Linen Summer Grant for Study in Asia, Williams College

2013 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, Taiwan Ministry of Education

**SERVICE**

**To Profession**

upcoming Panel Chair, “Islamic Tradition in South Asia,” Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI. October 18-21.

upcoming co-editor *Religions*, Special Issue "Islam in South Asia in a Modern Age 1707-present: Theology and Ethics in Historical Perspective"

**To Institution**

2020–23 Director, University of Notre Dame Islamic Studies Colloquium (NDISC)

2020 Organized a book talk and lunch on Professor Kristian Petersen’s, “Interpreting Islam in China: Pilgrimage, Scripture, and Language in the Han Kitab,” February 13.

2019 Organizer, Graduate student Arabic text reading group, University of Notre Dame.

2018 Panel Chair, “Shijing and Beyond: The Excavated Poetry (Shijing) and Early Chinese Empires,” University of Notre Dame. October 26-28.

**LANGUAGES**

Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi- fluent

Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish- professional

Persian, French, German- reading only

Turkish, Japanese- basic proficiency

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2018-present American Academy of Religion (AAR)

2021-present Annual Conference on South Asia (ACSA), Madison, WI

**REFERENCES**

Ebrahim Moosa  
Mirza Family Professor of Islamic Thought, University of Notre Dame

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