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Publications

Books, Dissertations

- HOWLING IN MESOPOTAMIA (Beaufort Books 2008)
- TOWARD A LEGAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE SHARI'A (Columbia University Dissertation)

Law Review Articles

- *The Muezzin's Call and the Dow Jones Bell: On the Necessity of Realism in the Study of Islamic Law*, 56 AM. J. COMP. L. 423 (2008) (Winner of the Hessel Yntema Prize Awarded by the American Society of Comparative Law to the Best Article in the AJCL by a Scholar Under the Age of 40)
- *The Death of Islamic Law*, 38 GEORGIA J. INT. L. __ (2009).
- *Between Realism and Resistance: Shi'i Islam and the Contemporary Liberal State*, 11 J. ISL. L. & CUL. 111 (2009) (forthcoming).
- *Book Review: The Crisis of Islamic Civilization*, 47 OSGOODE HALL L. J. 159 (2009).
- *Dream Palaces of Law: Western Constructions of the Muslim Legal World*, 32 HAST. INT. & COMP. L. REV. 803 (2009).
- *Between Symbiosis and Schizophrenia: The Rights of Iraqi Refugees under Iraqi Law*, 34 RUTGERS LAW RECORD, available at <http://www.lawrecord.com/files/hamoudi.pdf> (2009).
- *Book Review: Orientalism and The Fall and The Rise of the Islamic State 2* MID. E. L. & GOV. __ (2009) (forthcoming)
- *You Say You Want a Revolution: Deviationist Doctrine, Interpretive Communities and the Origins of Islamic Finance*, 48 VA. J. INT. L. 249 (2008)
- *Baghdad Booksellers, Basra Carpet Merchants, and the Law of God and Man: Legal Pluralism and the Contemporary Muslim Experience*, 1 BERK. J. ISL. & MID. EAST. L. 83 (2008)
- *Muhammad's Social Justice or Muslim Cant?: Langdellianism and the Failures of Islamic Finance*, 40 CORNELL INT. L. REV. 89 (2007)
- *Money Laundering Amidst Mortars: Legislative Process and State Authority in Post-Invasion Iraq*, 16 TRANS. L. & CONTEMP. PROB. 523 (2007).
- *Jurisprudential Schizophrenia: Form and Function in Islamic Finance*, 7 CHI. J. INT. L. 605 (2006)
- *Toward the Establishment of a Rule of Law Society: Introducing Clinical Legal Education into Iraqi Law Schools*, 23 BERKELEY J. INT. L. 113 (2005)

Online Articles for Jurist, a Leading Website for Legal News and Research

- *Reconsidering the "Rule of Law" in Iraq* (Sept. 8, 2009)
- *Iraqi SOFA Jurisdiction Over US Soldiers: A Matter of Necessity* (Nov. 18, 2008)
- *Act of Commission: Iraq's Provincial Elections Law and the Problem of Kirkuk* (Sept. 30, 2008)

- *The Iraqi Oil Contract and the Importance of Independent Counsel* (July 9, 2008)
- *The Role and Rule of Law in Iraq: An Insider's Perspective* (May 23, 2008)
- *The Kurdish-Shi'i Alliance and New Legislation in Iraq* (February 13, 2008)
- *A Modest Proposal on Kirkuk* (December 20, 2007)
- *Iraq's Parliament: A House (Even More) Divided* (November 28, 2007)
- *Shi'ism, Sunnism and State Authority in Iraq* (July 20, 2007)
- *The Hunt Oil Dispute and the Future of Iraqi Federalism* (Sept. 13, 2007)

Other Media, Articles

- *The "Discovered" Supreme Leader and the Rule of Law* (*Daily Star Lebanon* Oct. 1, 2009)
- *Why an Iraq Ruled by Law is More Hopeful* (*Daily Star Lebanon*, July 9, 2009)
- *Legal Lip Service* (*Forbes.com*, April 21, 2008)
- *The Economic Rights of Displaced Iraqis, under Iraqi Law* (*ILSA Quarterly* 17:1, March 2008)

Blog

Author of Blog on Islamic Law entitled *Islamic Law In Our Times* (<http://muslimlawprof.org>)

Presentations

Academic, Legal

- *Decentralization in Iraq and in Comparative Perspective*, Conference with the Legal Committees of the Iraqi Provincial Councils (October 25, 2009) (in Arabic)
- *Teaching Islamic Law in Law School*, Venice Conference on Islamic Law Pedagogy (Sept. 17, 2009)
- *The Death of Islamic Law*, Duke University Law School (March 2, 2009)
- *Rhetoric and Reality in Islamic Finance*, Fordham University School of Law (February 26, 2009)
- *Why Do We Study Religious Law: Thoughts from the Islamic Perspective*, Jewish Law Section, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 6, 2009)
- *Rights of Iraqi Refugees under Domestic Iraqi Law*, Rutgers University (Newark) School of Law (October 24, 2008)
- *Dream Palaces of Law: Western Constructions of the Muslim Legal World*, Annual Conference of the American Society of Comparative Law (October 3, 2008)
- *Commerce among Merchants in Shi'i Iraq*, University of Cincinnati School of Law (April 25, 2008)
- *A Comparison of Shi'i and Sunni Approaches to Religious Authority in Contemporary Islam*, Univ. of Pittsburgh Dept. of Religious Studies (Feb. 13, 2008)
- *Fatawa in Shi'i Islam*, New York City Bar Association Special Event (January 22, 2008)
- *Islamic Finance, A View from the Mosque*, Asian Affairs Section, New York City Bar Association (January 15, 2008)
- *Liberalism and Shi'i Islam*, Yale University (December 7, 2007)
- *Shi'ism and Sunnism in Contemporary Iraq*, American Association of Law Schools (January 5, 2007)
- *Legal Realism and American Jurisprudence*, Qatar University Law School (December 1, 2006) (in Arabic)

- *Clinical Education and Iraqi Law Schools*, Conference on Arab Legal Education, Doha, Qatar (November 10, 2006) (in Arabic)
- *State Authority in Post Invasion Iraq*, George Washington Univ. Law School (October 3, 2006)

Other

- *The Tragedy of Iraq's Refugee Crisis*, Chicago Humanities Festival (November 6, 2008)
- *Iraq Between the Personal and the Political*, San Jose Book Expo (October 25, 2008)
- *Iraq at the Crossroads*, Al Hewan Center (August 9, 2008) (in Arabic)

Professional Experience

June 2007—Present U. Pitt. School Of Law Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor of Law

Subjects: Contracts, Commercial Transactions, Islamic Law
 Areas of Research: Transnational Commercial Law, Middle Eastern Commercial Law, Islamic Law and Finance
 Law School Committees: Steering (2008-09); Colloquium (2008-09); Appointments (2007-08)
 AALS Committees: Islamic Law (2008-09)
 Coach of Jessup International Moot Court Team (2009)

July 2005—June 2007 Columbia Law School New York City

Associate in Law

Dec. 2003—July 2005 DePaul University Baghdad, Iraq

Project Manager

Manager of a USAID funded project to reform legal education in Iraq. Coached first two Iraqi teams to participate in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition in Washington.

Dec. 2003-June 2004 Iraq Governing Council Baghdad, Iraq

Legal Advisor, Finance Committee

Engaged in legal review of all commercial and financial legislation presented to the Iraqi Governing Council for its approval, including current laws on money laundering, copyright, securities and bankruptcy.

Dec. 1997-May 2003 Debevoise & Plimpton Hong Kong, East Java

Associate

and New York

Sept. 1996—Sept. 1997 Southern District of New York New York

Law Clerk to Hon. Constance Baker Motley

Other Relevant Experience

Academic

April-December 2009

(On leave, Fall 2009). Based primarily in Baghdad working on a grant funded by the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. Primary responsibility is attending all meetings of the Constitutional Review Committee of the Iraqi Parliament and participating in all discussions related to a critical series of constitutional amendments designed to ensure Sunni support of the Constitution.

Summer 2008

Assisted International Human Rights Law Institute in collection and presentation of data relating to human rights violations committed by the Saddam regime in southern Iraq.

April 2008

Advised, Escorted and Arranged for Participation of Iraqi Team in 2008 Jessup International Moot Court Competition.

Other

Summer 2008-Current

Expert witness for Guantanamo Bay detainee on issues concerning Iraqi and Islamic law and culture.

December 2007—June 2008

Expert witness concerning issues of Islamic inheritance law for matter pending in Pennsylvania probate courts.

Education

2008 Columbia Law School New York **Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.)**

Dissertation, entitled *Toward a Modern Understanding of the Sharia*, articulates a modern, legal approach to Islamic Law, with a particular focus on the legal context of Shi'i Iraq.

1993-1996 Columbia Law School New York **Juris Doctor**

- Stone Scholar (top 15% of class) for all three years.
- Managing Editor, *Journal of Transnational Law*.
- Teaching Assistant to Former Dean of Law School, David Leebron.
- Research Assistant to Professor Harold Edgar on legal and ethical consequences of various biomedical advances.

1989-1993 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA **Bachelor of Science, Physics w. Electrical Engineering Minor** **Bachelor of Science, Humanities (Islamic/Near Eastern Studies)**

- Member of Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society.
- Selected as Burchard Scholar for Excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences for bachelor's thesis relating to the structural development of Iraqi political parties in the pre-Ba'ath era.

Other

- Fluent in Arabic, proficient in German, Bahasa Indonesia.
- Admitted to practice in New York State and the Southern District of New York.