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Publications

Books, Dissertations

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

Law Review Articles

- *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. __ (2008) (forthcoming)
- *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)
- *You Say You Want a Revolution: Deviationist Doctrine, Interpretive Communities and the Origins of Islamic Finance*, 48 VA. J. INT. L. 249 (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

- *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

- *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

- *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)
- *State Authority in Post Invasion Iraq*, George Washington Univ. Law School (October 3, 2006)

Significant General Media Interviews

- Television Interview with Bridges TV (largest Muslim American network) concerning Iraq (April 24, 2008)
- Interview with Voice of America concerning referendum in Kirkuk (April 16, 2008)
- Interview with Leonard Lopate (WNYC Radio) concerning experiences in Iraq (April 14, 2008)
- Interview on Open Line with Fred Andrlé concerning experiences in Iraq (May 8, 2008)
- Interview with *Columbus Dispatch* concerning experiences in Iraq (April 13, 2008)
- Interview with *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* concerning experiences in Iraq (Feb. 27, 2008)

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

Committees: Steering (2008-09); Colloquium (2008-09); Appointments (2007-08)

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. Worked closely with Iraqi university professors, deans and students as well as prominent members of the practicing Iraqi bar and judiciary on issues related to the implementation of program. Lectured extensively on American legal concepts and American legal education. 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

Fall 2004-Current

Legal Consultant to Office of Adil Abdul-Mahdi, current Vice President and former Finance Minister of Iraq, on various matters of international law and finance.

January 2008-Current

Member of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Islamic Law.

April 2008

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

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.