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EDUCATION

- 1998 Ph.D in Middle Eastern Studies
University of Manchester
Thesis: “Reworking time past: the sufi *tabaqat* genre from al-Sulami to Jami.”
- 1992 B.A., First Class Honours, Middle Eastern Studies (Arabic and Persian)
University of Manchester

EMPLOYMENT

- 2008- Associate Professor
Department of Religion, Rutgers University
- 2003-8 Assistant Professor
Department of Religion, Rutgers University
- 2001-3 Associate Research Scholar
Center for Iranian Studies, Columbia University
- 1999-01 Lecturer in Arabic
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter
- 1998-9 Research Assistant in Islamic History
School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study
- 1996-8 Lecturer in Arabic and Islamic Studies
Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Manchester

AWARDS/HONOURS

- 2005 The Lois Roth Prize for Translation of Persian Literature, The American Institute of Iranian Studies (for *The Masnavi: Book One*; see above)
- 1993-6 Major Postgraduate Studentship, The British Academy (scholarship for doctoral study)
- 1992 University of Manchester Arabic Prize

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Translator and editor: Rumi, *The Masnavi: Book Three*, Oxford World's Classics, Oxford University Press, in press, 11/14/2013.

Translator and editor: *Classical Islam: a sourcebook of religious literature*, Religion Series, Routledge, London/New York, Revised and expanded 2nd Edition, 2012, xv + 364 pp. (with N. Calder and A. Rippin).

Author: *Beyond Dogma: Rumi's Teachings on Friendship with God and Early Sufi Theories*, Oxford University Press, 2012, 240 pp.

Translator and editor: Rumi, *The Masnavi: Book Two*, Oxford World's Classics, Oxford University Press, 2007, xxxiii + 257 pp.

Editor: N. Calder, *Interpretation and jurisprudence in medieval Islam*, Ashgate, Aldershot, 2006, xiii + 430pp (with A. Rippin).

Translator and editor: Rumi, *The Masnavi: Book One*, Oxford World's Classics, Oxford University Press, 2004, xxxi + 271 pp.

(Winner of the Lois Roth Prize for excellence in translation of Persian literature, awarded by the American Institute of Iranian Studies.)

Translator and editor: *Classical Islam: a sourcebook of religious literature*, Religion Series, Routledge, London/New York, 2003, xi + 275 pp (with N. Calder and A. Rippin).

Contributing Assistant Editor: Ehsan Yarshater, ed., *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, Vol. XI, Bibliotheca Persica Press, New York, 2003, 671 pp (with assistant and associate editors A. Ashraf, M. Ashtiany, M. Kasheff and N. Sims-Williams).

Author: *The Biographical tradition in Sufism : the tabaqat genre from al-Sulami to Jami*, Studies in Asian Religion, RoutledgeCurzon, Richmond UK, 2001, x + 230 pp.

(Persian Translation occurrently being prepared by Ms Firouzeh Sadeghzade, *The Greater Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Tehran.)

Contributing Editor: *Studies in Islamic and Middle Eastern texts and traditions in memory of Norman Calder*, JSS Supplement 12, Oxford University Press, 2000, 306 pp (with editors G. R. Hawting and A. Samely).

CURRENT BOOK PROJECTS:

Mawlana Rumi the Teacher, in discussions with Cynthia Read of Oxford University Press

Sufism: An Introduction, in discussions with Nicola Ramsey of Edinburgh University Press

Rumi, *The Masnavi: Book Four*, for Oxford World's Classics Series, Oxford University Press

ARTICLES/ BOOK CHAPTERS :

'Rumi's View of His Predecessors,' in L. Lewisohn, ed., *The Philosophy of Ecstasy: Rumi and the Sufi Tradition*, World Wisdom, Bloomington, Ind., forthcoming, 2014.

'Rumi's Place in the Sufi Tradition and his Position on al-Hallaj,' in *Proceedings of the 2007 International Symposium on Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi*, Istanbul, 2010, Vol. 3, pp. 1373-80.

(In Persian) 'Negah-e Mawlavi be-Sufiyan-e Motaqaddem,' *Iran Nameh*, A Persian Language Journal of Iranian Studies, Vol. XXV, Nos. 1-2. Spring & Summer 2009, pp. 103-114.

'al-Junayd in the *Hilyat al-awliya*' and the *Nafahat al-uns*,' in J. Renard, ed., *Tales of God's Friends: Islamic Hagiography in Translation*, University of California Press, 2009, pp. 79-91.

'Rumi Translations into English: the Re-creation of Mevlana?' in *The Proceedings of the International Symposium on Mawlana Jalaladdin Rumi in Thought and Art*, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart Universitesi Press, Canakkale (Turkey), 2006, pp. 349-354 (A4).

'Rumi,' in *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an*, ed. A. Rippin, Blackwell, Oxford, 2006, pp. 362-72.

'The Sufi Master in Rumi's *Masnavi*,' *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 58 (2003), pp. 32-39 (4,000 words).

'Getting drunk with Abu Yazid or staying sober with Junayd: the creation of a popular typology of Sufism,' *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 66/1 (2003), pp. 1-13.
(Reprinted in L. Ridgeon, ed., *Sufism: Critical Concepts*, Routledge, 2008.)

'Legitimizing Sufism in al-Qushayri's *Risala*,' *Studia Islamica*, Fasc. 90 (2000), pp. 37-50.

'Jami's re-contextualization of biographical traditions: 'the biography of Ansari' in the framework of the *Nafahat al-uns*,' in Hawting, Mojaddedi & Samely (Eds), *Studies in Islamic and Middle Eastern texts and traditions in memory of Norman Calder*, Oxford 2000, pp. 195-211.

Review article of H. Berg (Ed.), *Islamic origins reconsidered: John Wansbrough and the study of Islam*, Special Issue of *Method and theory in the Study of Religion*, Berlin 1997, *Journal of Semitic Studies*, Vol. 45.1 (2000), pp. 103-114.

'Ansari's *Tabaqat al-Sufiyya* : a literary approach,' in C. Melville (Ed.), *Societas Iranologica Europaea: Third European Conference of Iranian Studies*, Wiesbaden 1999, ii, pp. 155-165.

‘Extending the boundaries of Sufism: Hujwiri's *Kashf al-mahjub*,’ *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 35 (1997), pp. 45-49 (4,000 words).

‘Abu `Abd al-Rahman al-Sulami and the structuring of the past in the Sufi *tabaqat* genre,’ *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 31 (1996), pp. 13-18 (4,000 words).

CURRENT ARTICLE:

‘Ebb and flow of “the ocean inside a jug”: The Structure of Book One of Rūmī’s *Mathnawī* reconsidered,’ submitted to *Journal of Sufi Studies*.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA ARTICLES:

‘Dhu’l-Nun al-Misri,’ *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition, Brill, Leiden, 2012 (Part 4), pp. 79-81 (1,000 words).

‘Kashf al-Mahjub,’ *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, Vol. XV, New York, 2012, pp. 664-66 (2,000 words).

‘Abu Yazid al-Bistami,’ *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition, Brill, Leiden, 2012 (Part 3), pp. 51-4 (1,250 words)

‘Abu Turab al-Nakhshabi,’ *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition, Brill, Leiden, 2009 (Part 4), pp. 12-13 (500 words).

‘Abiding in God and Annihilation in God,’ *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition, Brill, Leiden, 2008 (Part 1), pp. 148-150 (1,000 words).

‘Abu Nu`aym al-Isfahani,’ *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Medieval Islamic Civilization*, London and New York, 2005, Vol. I, pp. 401-402 (750 words).

‘al-Hallaj,’ *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, Vol. XI, New York, 2003, pp. 589-92 (3,000 words).

CURRENT ENCYCLOPAEDIA ARTICLES:

‘Rumi's Masnavi, General Description and Structure,’ at the invitation of *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (5,000 words)

‘Rumi’s Teachings,’ at the invitation of *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (3,000 words)

REVIEWS:

J. Thibon , *L'œuvre d'Abû 'Abd al-Rahmân al-Sulamî (325/937-412/1021) et la formation du soufisme*, Damas, Institut Francais du Proche-Orient, 2009, *Journal of Sufi Studies*, in press (2.2; 2013).

C. Shackle and L. Lewisohn, ed., *'Attar and the Persian Sufi Tradition*, I. B. Tauris, 2006, *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 73 (2007).

al-Daylami, *A Treatise on Mystical Love*, ed. and tr. J. Norment Bell and H. Al-Shafie, Edinburgh University Press, 2005, *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 73 (2007).

John Renard, *Historical Dictionary of Sufism*, Scarecrow Press, 2006, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 69.3 (2006).

Ibn al-'Arabi, *The Meccan Revelations*, ed. M. Chodkiewicz and tr. C. Chodkiewicz, D. Gril and J. W. Morris, Pir Press, 2002-4, *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 70 (2006).

K. Avery, *A Psychology of Early Sufi Sama`*, RoutledgeCurzon, 2004, *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 66 (2005).

Martin Lings, ed. And tr., *Sufi Poems: A Medieval Anthology*, Fons Vitae, 2004, *Sufi: a journal of Sufism*, Issue 65 (2005).

Franklin D. Lewis, *Rumi: past and present, East and West*, Oxford 2000, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 29.3 (2002).

Michael Cooperson, *Classical Arabic biography: the heirs of the Prophet in the age of al-Ma'mun*, Cambridge 2000, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 65.3 (2002).

John Renard (ed.), *Windows on the house of Islam: sources for Muslim spirituality and religious life*, Berkeley 1998, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* Vol.64.2 (2001).

Alexander Knysh, *Ibn Arabi in the later Islamic tradition*, Albany 1999, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, Vol. 63.3 (2000).

Nasir al-Din al-Tusi, *Contemplation and action* (Ed. S.J. Badakhchani), London/New York 1998, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, Vol. 62.3 (1999).

Colin Turner, *The Qur'an: a new interpretation - textual exegesis by Muhammad Baqir Behbudi*, Richmond 1997, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 26.1 (1999).

S. Hossein Nasr and Oliver Leaman (Eds), *History of Islamic Philosophy, Volumes I and II*, London/New York 1996, *Journal of Semitic Studies*, Vol. 42.2 (1997).

Richard M. Frank, *Al-Ghazali and the Ash'arite School*, Durham and London 1994, *Journal of Semitic Studies*, Vol. 42.1 (1997).

Th. Emil Homerin, *From Arab Poet to Muslim Saint: Ibn al-Farid, His Verse, and His Shrine*, Columbia 1994, *Journal of Semitic Studies*, Vol. 41.1 (1996).

PAPERS

INVITED LECTURES:

Bridging Cultures: Poetries of the Muslim World - NEH Project
Milwaukee Public Libraries,
Milwaukee, September 24, 2013
'Rumi's Song of the Reed'

Bridging Cultures: Poetries of the Muslim World - NEH Project
Jacksonville Public Libraries and University of North Florida,
Jacksonville, May 29, 2013
'Rumi's Song of the Reed'

Bridging Cultures: Poetries of the Muslim World - NEH Project
Westwood Public Library,
Los Angeles, March 12, 2013
'Rumi's Song of the Reed'

The Greater Encyclopaedia of Islam: International Congress on Mawlavi
Tehran, December, 17-18, 2011.
'What kind of teacher was "Mawlavi" Rumi?'

Poets House and City Lore Symposium: 'Illuminated Verses: Poetry in the Muslim World,'
New York, May 7-8, 2011
'Persian Sufi Lyrical Poetry'

Princeton University, Department of Religion, March 30, 2011
'Why did Rumi dismount his mule and scream?'

Kenyon College, Department of Religious Studies, March 29, 2011
Leader of Faculty Workshop on Rumi's Poetry

Kenyon College, Department of Religious Studies, March 28, 2011
'Friendship in Rumi's Didactic Writings.'

Lehigh University, Humanities Center Lecture Series on "excess," December 2, 2010.
'Rumi and excessive love in Islamic mysticism.'

The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ, February 11, 2009.
Leader of Faculty Workshop on Persian Sufi Poetry.

Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ, 'Abrahamic Faiths Lecture Series', October 22, 2008.
'The Origins of Islam and its Basic Beliefs'

Yale University, Iranian Studies Seminar, October 10, 2008.
'Situating Rumi'

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service at Doha, Qatar, 'Innovation in Islam' Conference, for April 5-6, 2008.
'History and Biography.'

International Symposium of Rumi Scholars, Konya, Turkey, for December 14-16, 2007.
'The 'Rashidun in Rumi's *Masnavi*.'

Michigan State University, East Lansing, November 3, 2007.
'Rumi's Views on prophethood and sainthood.'

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, October 27, 2007.
'The *Masnavi*: the Persian Qur'an?'

University of Maryland, The International Conference on Rumi, September 28-30, 2007.
'Prophets and Saints in Mawlana's Didactic Writings.'

UNESCO Congress on Rumi, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Istanbul, May 2007.
'Rumi's Position in the Sufi Tradition'

Princeton University, Department of Religion Magic Circle Seminar, April 2007.
'Sufi Saints and the Miraculous'

University of Pennsylvania, Rumi in Translation Seminar, April 2007.
'Self-annihilation and Book One of Rumi's *Masnavi*'

University of Arizona, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, March 2007.
'Situating Rumi in the Sufi Tradition.'

Columbia University, Seminar in Iranian Studies, October 2006.
'Revelation and Rumi.'

Rutgers University Religion Students Association, April, 2006.
'Rumi and Mystical Islam.'

International Symposium of Rumi Scholars, Near East University, Cyprus, December 2005.
'Rumi's *Masnavi*, Razi's *Mirsad al-'Ibad*, and *Shatranj al-'urafa*.'

University of Pennsylvania, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, April 2005.
'Rumi's *Masnavi*: The Persian Qur'an?'

Sufi Books Lecture Series, New York, December 2004.
'Love and Unity in Rumi's *Masnavi*.'

Rutgers University, Department of Religion, March 2003.
'The holy man in Rumi's *Masnavi*.'

McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies, March 2003.
'The Sufi manuals of the tenth and eleventh centuries CE.'

Sufi Books Lecture Series, New York, October 2002.
'Early Sufi Sources.'

Columbia University, Arabic Seminar, November 2001.
'Getting drunk or staying sober: the creation of a popular typology of Sufism.'

SOAS, University of London, History of the Near and Middle East Seminar, February 2001.
'Abu Yazid "the drunken" and Junayd "the sober" in the sufi biographical tradition.'

Princeton University, Near Eastern Studies Brown-bag Seminar, February 2001.
'The use and abuse of sufi biographies.'

Princeton University, Near Eastern Studies Lecture Series, February 2001.
'To be drunk or to be sober? Debates in eleventh-century Sufism.'

Institute for Advanced Study, Arabic Texts Seminar, May 1999.
'The issue of authorship in relation to the sufi *tabaqat* genre.'

Middlebury College, Department of Religion, January 1999.
'The significance of the *tabaqat* genre in the medieval Muslim library.'

University of Manchester, Eastern Mediterranean Seminar, November 1995.
'A literary approach to the *tabaqat* genre.'

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, 2013, Sarajevo, Bosnia, September 2013
'How to read Rumi? Audience and Epistemology.'

MESA 2010, San Diego, November 2010.
'Sainthood and the Sealing of Prophethood in early Sufism.'

'Wondrous Words: The Poetic Mastery of Rumi', The British Museum, September 2007
'Rumi's Views of His Predecessors'

International Symposium on Mawlana Jalaladdin Rumi in Thought and Art, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart Universitesi, Turkey, May 2006.
'Rumi Translations into English: the Re-creation of Mevlana?'

MESA 2005, Washington DC, November 2005.
'Sequential Order in Rumi's *Masnawi*: Snakes and Ladders.'

MESA 2004, San Francisco, November 2004.

‘Muhammad or Abu Yazid? Rumi on prophets and saints.’

SIS: Fifth Biennial Conference of Iranian Studies, Bethesda, May 2004
‘Rumi’s *Masnawi* and the Qur’an.’

MESA 2000, Orlando, November 2000.

‘Ansari’s *Tabaqat al-Sufiyya* : a Persian version of al-Sulami’s foundational work?’

SIS-AIIRs : Third Biennial Conference of Iranian Studies, Bethesda, May 2000.
‘Succession and accommodation in the structure of Jami's *Nafahat al-uns*’.

The 209th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Baltimore 1999.
‘Legitimizing authority in Sufism: the biographies in al-Qushayri’s *Risala*’.

BRISMES Conference, St Catherine’s College, University of Oxford, July 1997
‘Extending the boundaries of Sufism: Hujwiri’s *Kashf al-mahjub*’.

L’AFEMAM - EURAMES Conference, Université de Provence, July 1996.
‘The structuring of the past in the sufi *tabaqat* genre’.

Societas Iranologica Europaea, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, September 1995.
‘Ansari’s *Tabaqat al-Sufiyya* : a literary approach’.

OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES:

MESA 2012, Denver, November 19, 2012
Invited Presenter for Thematic Workshop on Translation from Persian.

Symposium on Sufism and Islam in Central Asia, Princeton University, October 21-22, 2011
Chair and Discussant: ‘Sources and Interpretative Strategies’

MESA 2009, Boston, November, 2009
Chair: ‘Reconfiguring State-Civil Society Relations Post-9/11.’

SERVICE TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

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| 2012- | Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religion |
| 2012- | Faculty advisor for “The Seeker” student organization. |
| 2012- | Affiliate faculty member of the Department of African, Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Literatures. |
| 2010-12 | Member of the SAS Appointments and Promotions Committee (for promotions to Associate Professor with tenure). |

- 2009-12 Elected Member of the Rutgers University Senate; Member of the Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee, Rutgers University Senate.
- 2009 Successfully applied for a renewable annual grant from Aramco Services for the outreach program of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Rutgers University
- 2009 Convener of international conference on “The Iranian Revolution: Thirty Years” at Rutgers University, February 7-8th, 2009.
- 2008- Member of Advisory Committee for the Masters and Certificate Programs in Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies (CHAPS).
- 2008-9 Member of Interdepartmental Search Committee for an Assistant Professor in Modern Arabic Literature.
- 2008-9 Director, Center for Middle Eastern Studies.
- 2008-9 Principal Investigator for the UISFL Title VIa Grant for Iranian Studies.
- 2008 Convener of conference on “Iran Today” at Rutgers University, April 26th, 2008.
- 2008-10 Member of Dissertation Committee for Hanan Elsayed, Comparative Literature
- 2007-9 Member of Middle Eastern Study Abroad Committee.
- 2007-8 Member of Steering Committee for the UISFL Title VIa Grant for Iranian Studies.
- 2007-8 Member of Interdepartmental Search Committee for an Assistant Professor in Classical Islamic Civilization.
- 2007-9 Faculty Advisor for Zenith Student Organization.
- 2005-6 Faculty Advisor for the Religion Students Club
- 2004-5 Member of Faculty of Arts and Sciences Affirmative Action Committee.

SERVICE TO FIELD

- 2011- Member of Dissertation Committee for T. Betul Cihan-Artun, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- 2009-10 Member of Editorial Board of the journal *Sufi*
- 2009- Member of Advisory Council of the journal *The Mawlana Rumi Review*

2006-7 Member of the Selection Committee of the Lois Roth Prize for translation of Persian Literature into English.

Manuscripts and proposals reviewed for the following presses/journals:

Brill, Oxford University Press, Routledge, RoutledgeCurzon, Rutgers University Press, *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Journal of Arabic Literature*, *Studia Islamica*, and The National Humanities Center.

SERVICE TO PUBLIC

- 2012-14 “Bridging Cultures: Poetries of the Muslim World,” NEH-funded Project of Poets House and City Lore NYC. Consultant and Speaker for this project to increase appreciation of poetry in the Muslim World through lectures at US public libraries.
- 2011- Interviewed guest on “Hafez: Persian Provocateur” a program of “Here on Earth: Radio Without Borders” by NPR-Wisconsin.
- 2008-9 Rutgers Liaison with NJ Arab-American Heritage Commission
- 2008- Interviewed along with Outreach Coordinator and Four Students of Middle Eastern Studies for “Talk it Out” Program of Dandana TV channel (Arab-American MTV).
- 2008- Half-hour interview for Voice of America Persian Program on Middle Eastern Studies at Rutgers University.
- 2007 Subject of a half-hour interview in Turkey for a program on Rumi by Samanyolu Turkish TV channel, screened on Turkish Airlines.
- 2007 Interviewed in BBC Radio Turkish Program about Rumi
- 2007 Interviewed in Voice of America Persian Program about Rumi
- 2007 Interviewed for article in Poetry Magazine about Rumi
(<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/article/179906>)
- 2005 Subject of a one-hour interview in “Footnotes” a program of EbruTV Turkish-American TV channel.