

JUNAID QUADRI

EMPLOYMENT

University of Illinois at Chicago

Associate Professor of History 2020-

Islamic Thought, History of the Middle East & Muslim World, History of Science,
Colonialism & Modernity

Director of Religious Studies 2020-

Co-Director, Jewish-Muslim Initiative 2014-

Assistant Professor of History & Religious Studies 2014-2019

Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (now College of Islamic Studies)

2014-2015

Visiting Assistant Professor

Islamic Theology and Jurisprudence, History and Historiography of the Modern Muslim World

Office of the Grand Mufti of Egypt

2010 - 2013

Research Consultant, *Dar al-Iftā' al-Miṣriyya*

Research, translation and editing on topics related to Islamic law in the modern world

McGill University

2007 - 2009

Lecturer, Institute for the Study of Canada

Islam in Canada

Teaching Fellow, Institute of Islamic Studies

Contemporary Muslim Societies, Islamic Law, Middle Eastern Culture & Society, Arabic

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University

2014

“Transformations of Tradition: Modernity in the Thought of Muhammad Bakhīt al-Mutī‘”

Advisors: Wael Hallaq & Setrag Manoukian

Major Field: Islamic Law

Minor Fields: Islamic Theology, Egyptian History

M.A., Philosophy, University of Waterloo

2005

B.A., Philosophy, University of Waterloo

2003

B.Math., University of Waterloo

2003

Monograph

Transformations of Tradition: Islamic Law in Colonial Modernity (Oxford University Press, 2021)

- Arabic translation: *Taḥawwulāt al-Turāth: Al-Fiqh al-Islāmī fī al-Ḥadātha al-Isti'māriyya*, tr. Tarek Ghanem (Dār Namā', 2023)

Articles & Book Chapters:

“Constructivism, Correspondence and Representation: Approaches to Scientific Knowledge in Islamic Legal Texts.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 39, 3 (December 2019)

“Moral Habituation in the Law: Rethinking the Ethics of the Shari‘a.” *Islamic Law and Society* 26, 3 (June 2019)

“Religion as Transcendence in Modern Islam: Tracking ‘Religious Matters’ into a Secular(izing) Age.” In *Working with “A Secular Age”: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Charles Taylor’s Master Narrative*, edited by F. Zemmin, C. Jager, and G. Vanheeswijyk (DeGruyter, March 2016)

Short Online Essays:

“Intellectual and Practical Caution as Grounds for Legal Pluralism.” *The Islamic Law Blog*, Harvard Law School ([link](#))

“Excavating the Colonial Modern in Islamic Law.” *The Islamic Law Blog*, Harvard Law School ([link](#))

“Ethical Perfectionism in Fiqh: The Example of Moral Exemplars.” *The Islamic Law Blog*, Harvard Law School ([link](#))

“Oakeshott, Originalism and the History of Modern Islamic Law.” *The Islamic Law Blog*, Harvard Law School ([link](#))

“Encountering another science.” Commentary on *The Immanent Frame* as part of an academic forum on “Science and the Soul: New Inquiries into Islamic Ethics” ([link](#))

“Ethics, Authority and Individualism in Early Twentieth-Century Egypt.” Working paper published online by the Governance Programme of Aga Khan University’s Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations ([link](#))

Encyclopedia Entries and Bibliographical Resources:

“Ijtihad.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies*, available online with subscription ([link](#))

“Abū Zahrah, Muḥammad.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World: Digital Collection*, edited by John L. Esposito (Oxford University Press, 2022), available online with subscription ([link](#))

“Khallāf, ‘Abd al-Wahhāb.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World: Digital Collection*, edited by John L. Esposito (Oxford University Press, 2022), available online with subscription ([link](#))

“Muḥammad Bakhīt al-Muṭṭī & Irshād al-umma ilā aḥkam al-ḥukm bayna ahl al-dhimma” In *Christian-Muslim*

Relations: A Bibliographical History, volume 18, edited by David Thomas and John Chesworth (Brill, 2021), also available online with subscription ([link 1](#), [link 2](#))

“Endowment.” In *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by G. Bowering, P. Crone, W. Kadi, D.J. Stewart, and M.Q. Zaman (Princeton University Press, 2012)

AWARDS

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (2017-2018)	\$40,000
Woodrow Wilson/Mellon Fellowship for Junior Faculty (2017-2018)	\$15,750
Institute of Humanities Fellowship, UIC (2017-2018)	Salary replacement (<i>declined</i>)
American Center for Oriental Research Fellowship, Jordan (2011-2012)	\$18,600
Institute of Islamic Studies Dissertation Fellowship (2010-2011)	\$7,500
American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship (2009-2010)	\$22,000
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (2005-2009)	\$80,000 (over 4 years)
Government of Kuwait Graduate Student Prize (2009)	\$5,000
Al-Qasid Scholarship for Arabic Study in Amman, Jordan (2009)	\$10,000 (<i>declined</i>)
Principal's Graduate Fellowship (2008)	\$2,500
Institute of Islamic Studies Summer Language Fellowship (2007)	\$4,000

Teaching Awards

Teaching Recognition Program, 2022

- University-wide teaching award

HOPE (Honoring Our Professors' Excellence) Award, 2021

- Awarded by Campus Housing

SERVICE

To the University:

- Director, Program in Religious Studies (2020-Present)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History (2021-Present)
- Co-Director, Jewish-Muslim Initiative (2014-Present)
- Organizer, Religion in the World Working Group, Institute for the Humanities (2020-Present)
- Member, Educational Policy Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (2021-Present)
- Member, Executive Committee, Department of History (2019-2022)

To the Profession:

- Editor, *Religious Studies Review* (Islam section) (2020-Present)
- Peer Reviewer for Bloomsbury/I.B. Tauris (2022), *Journal of Islamic Ethics* (2021), *Journal of Global History*

(2021), *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence* (2021), *Historical Social Research* (2018), *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (2017), *European Journal of Political Theory* (2015)

To the Community:

- Co-Chair, Muslim Chaplaincy at UIC (2021-Present)
- Faculty Mentor, Faith in Vaccine Program, Interfaith America (2021)
- Member, Inclusive American History Commission, Illinois State Board of Education (2021-2022)

LANGUAGES

Arabic, French, Urdu, Turkish (Reading knowledge), German (Reading knowledge)

INVITED LECTURES, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SCHOLARLY CONVERSATIONS

Guest Lecture and Discussion to a class on Islamic Law

- Pomona College (online; October 26, 2022)

Interviewer and Moderator, “Questioning Justice: Christian and Muslim Perspectives” ([link](#))

- Butler University (April 12, 2022)

Discussant, “What is Critique in Islamic Studies?” ([link](#))

- MF Centre for the Advanced Study of Religion, Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway (online; March 31, 2022)

“Transformations of Tradition” Book Talk and Discussion

- Monday Majlis, Centre for the Study of Islam, University of Exeter (online; March 21, 2022)

Presentation on Faculty Book Showcase Panel

- In/Between Conference, School for Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics, University of Illinois Chicago (online; March 3, 2022)

“Islamic Thought Between Two Eras” ([link](#))

- Podcast interview with the Reading Muslims Project at the University of Toronto (Feb. 8, 2022)

Conversation and Joint Book Talk with Nada Moumtaz ([link](#))

- Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto (online; Dec. 2, 2021)

“Aspiration, Admiration and Moral Exemplars: A Virtue Ethical Reading of Islamic Legal Texts” ([link](#))

- Online Conference on Islamic Virtue Ethics: Historical Trajectories and Modern Implications, Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics, Doha, Qatar (online; Sept. 20, 2021)

“Transformations of Tradition: Islamic Law in Colonial Modernity” ([link](#))

- Podcast Interview, *New Books in Islamic Studies* (April 9, 2021)

“The Valorization of Hadith among 19th and 20th Century Hanafi Thinkers” ([link](#))

- Paper presentation as part of a panel on “Hadith and Hanafism” at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University Chicago (co-sponsored by the Middle East Studies Association Global Academy) (online; April 7, 2021)

Presentation and Discussion to Graduate Seminar on “Major Trends and Debates in Islamic Studies”

- Princeton University (March 12, 2021)

“Understanding non-Muslims in Islamic law through a reading of the *Irshad al-Umma ila Ahkam al-Hukm bayna Abl al-Dhimma*”

- Invited lecture to class at Georgetown University (April 1, 2020)

“Modernizing Islamic Law: A Century of Approaches”

- Invited lecture, Loyola University (Feb. 12, 2020)

“Religion, Secularity and Islamic Law: Conceptual Reconfigurations in Colonial Egypt”

- Conference on Political Theology: Promise and Prospects, University of Chicago (November 8, 2018)

“Shihab al-Din al-Marjani’s Influence on Hanafism in the Middle East and South Asia”

- Conference on the occasion of the 200th birthday of Shihab al-Din al-Marjani
Kazan, Russia, (September 21, 2018)

“Ijtihad, Tradition and Reform in the Modern Muslim World”

- Public lecture at American Islamic College, Chicago IL (January 23, 2018)

“Lifeworlds of Islam” – a conversation with Mohammed Bamyeh (University of Pittsburgh Sociology)

- Chicago Humanities Festival (November 12, 2017)

“Historicizing Authority in Modern Egypt”

- Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association, Montreal, QC (November 5, 2017)

“Human Personhood in Twentieth-Century Egypt”

- Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations (October 19, 2017)

“Colonialism in the Muslim World”

- Lecture to “Muslims & Modernity” class at American Islamic College, Chicago IL (October 4, 2017)

“Racism and Colonialism”

- Lecture to Muslim Students Association, UIC (March 14, 2017)

“Transregionalism in Fiqh Discourse at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”

- Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association, Boston, MA (November 20, 2016)

“Sincerity, Hypocrisy and Authenticity in a Secular Modern World”

- The International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon VA (August 10, 2016)

“Constructivism, Correspondence and Representation: Approaches to Knowledge in Islamic Legal Texts”

- Conference on Islam and Regimes of Evidence, The University of Chicago (April 29, 2016)

“Science, Modernity and the Hanafi School: Rethinking Perception and Representation in a Technological Age”

- Farouk Mustafa Memorial Lecture Series, The University of Chicago (January 29, 2016)

“Moral Habituation in the Law: Rethinking the Ethics of the Shari’a”

- Law and Contemporary Theory Group, UC Berkeley (April 25, 2015)

“Networks of Mediation: Muslim Jurists Re-reading Copernicus in the Modern World”

- Department of Near Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley (April 24, 2015)

“Muhammad Bakhit’s Reformulation of the *Fiqh* Tradition in the Face of Modern Science”

- Conference on Reformers and Intellectual Reformulation in Contemporary Islam, School of Oriental and African Studies, London (January 29, 2015)

“Habituation in the Law: A Consideration of Ethical Concepts as Found in Works of *Fiqh*”

- Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC (November 24, 2014)

“Islamic Scholars and the Encounter with Modern Science: An Egyptian Case Study”

- Department of History Brown Bag Series, University of Illinois at Chicago (April 16, 2014)
“Telescopes, Telegraphs and the Invention of Time: Determining Ramadan in Modern Egypt”
- Conference on Science in Judaism and Islam, UIC Institute for the Humanities (March 10, 2014)
“Religion-as-transcendence in Modern Islam”
- Conference on Working with Charles Taylor’s *A Secular Age*, University of Bern (March 7, 2014)
“The Role of Networks of Islamic Learning in Legal Discourse”
- Lecture given at the American Center for Oriental Research, Amman (August 7, 2012)
“Cultivating Morality in the Islamic Polis: The Role of Communal Leadership”
- Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC (December 2, 2011)
“Shari‘a in a Technological Age: The Impact of the Telegraph and Telescope in Modern Egypt”
- Islamic Studies Symposium, McGill University (April 29, 2011)
“The Development of Conceptions of Islamic Law in Modern Egypt”
- Lecture given at the American Research Center in Egypt, Cairo (May 19, 2010)
“Global Readings of a Local *Fatwa*: Late Sunni Traditionalism at the Turn of the Century:”
- Workshop on Late Sunni Traditionalism, Duke University (April 29-30, 2010)
“Developments in the Shari‘a after 1883: The Thought of Muhammad Bakhit”
- Conference on New Approaches to Egyptian Legal History, American University in Cairo (June 2009)
“Conceptions of *Ijtihad* in the *Irshad ahl al-Milla* : A Contextual Analysis”
- Workshop on Modern Arabic Islamic Texts, Mansfield College, Oxford University (January 10, 2009)
“Tradition, Reform and Modernity in Egypt: The case of Muhammad Bakhit”
- Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Chicago (November 1, 2008)
“Two Muftis of Egypt: Thinking about Reformism and Traditionalism”
- Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago (May 9, 2008)
“Anticipating *Orientalism*: An examination of indigenous critiques of *istisbraq* in the Pakistani monthly *al-Bayyinah*”
- AMSS Canada Regional Annual Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University (November 24, 2007)
“Transformations of Tradition: A Hanafi jurist’s reconfiguration of authority”
- Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association, Montreal (November 19, 2007)
“An Introduction to Islamic Law”
- Lecture in the Legal Traditions Seminar, Faculty of Law, McGill University (November 12, 2007)
“Universality and Relativism in Human Rights Theory: A Critical Examination of the Thought of Abdullahi An-Na‘im”
- Conference on Islam: Tradition and Modernity, organized by Association of Muslim Social Scientists & Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto (November 4, 2006)
“Towards an Islamic System of Human Rights: Approaches to the Issue of Apostasy”
- Conference on Islamic Law: Questions of Authority and Change, Yale Law School (April 24, 2004)