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EDUCATION

2024 **Queens College, City University of New York** Queens, NY
Master of Arts in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*
Master's Thesis: *"Putting Philosophy in its Place: A Critical Reevaluation of al-Ghazālī's Conception of Philosophy."*
Advisor: Dr. Muhammad Ali Khalidi

2024 **Queens College, City University of New York** Queens, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*
Minor in Arabic Studies
Inducted into Gamma Beta Phi

2022 **LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York** Long Island City, NY
Associate of Arts in Philosophy, *high honors*
Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE &ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Academic Appointment

2025 Instructor & Director of Academic Affairs, Islamic Institute of Burma

2024 Adjunct Lecturer, The Department of Humanities, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York.

Teaching Assistant Experience

2025 "Advanced ʿAqīdah" (TISA 611), Dr. Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2025 "Islamic Ethics" (TISA 641), Dr. James Jones, Dr. Yasir Qadhi, Dr. Rafik Beekun, and Dr. Asim Padela, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2025 "Advanced Qur'ānic Studies and Tafsīr" (TISA 601), Dr. Yasir Qadhi and Dr. Hythem Sidky, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2024 "Advanced Sīrah" (TISA 615), Dr. Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2024 "Foundations of Effective Organizational Leadership" (TISA-760), Dr. James Jones, Dr. Bonita McGee, and Dr. Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2024 "Advanced Akhlāq and Spirituality" (TISA-631), Dr. Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America

2023 "Advanced Ḥadīth Sciences and Commentary" (TISA 602), Dr. Yasir Qadhi and Dr. Jonathan Brown, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2023 "Modern Muslim Movements" (TISA 641), Dr. Yasir Qadhi and Dr. Bashir Ansari, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2023 "Advanced ʿAqīdah" (TISA 611), Dr. Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2022 "Advanced Qur'ānic Studies and Tafsīr" (TISA 601), Dr. Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2022 "Advanced Sīrah" (TISA 615), Dr. Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America.

Editorial Service

2025 Editor, Yasir Qadhi, *In the Path of the Pious Predecessors: Understanding Salafism*, Oxford: Oneworld.

2023 Guest Editor with Dr. Andrew McFarland, *The Gadfly* 12 (2023), LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York.

2023 Editor, *Proceedings from Philosophy of Love* 4 (2022), LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York.

Other Professional Experience

2025 Editorial Assistant for the *Journal of Islamic Faith and Practice (JFIP)*, The Islamic Seminary of America

2022– Graduate Writing Fellow, The Islamic Seminary of America.

2019– President & Co-Founder, The Islamic Institute of Burma.

2022 Workshop Moderator, "Queens Public Philosophy Program," Dr. Andrew McFarland, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York.

2022 Assistant Instructor, "Philosophy for Children Program," Dr. Cheri Carr, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2023 "Beyond the Veil: Rethinking Empowerment, Agency, and the Muslim Women," *The Gadfly* 12, no. 1 (November 8, 2023): 7–28. Available here.

Non-Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2022 "Will and Desire: Suffering in Buddhism and Augustinian Christianity." *Asian American Voices* 4, no. 1 (May 2022): 22–26. Available here.

Cataloged Manuscripts

2021 *Kitāb al-Kāfīyah by Ibn al-Hājib,* at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) collection: https://www.vhmml.org/readingRoom/view/128997

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

2025– Graduate Assistant Trainee Fellowship – *Journal of Islamic Faith and Practice (JFIP)* Editorial Assistant (The Islamic Seminary of America)

2022– City University of New York Pipeline Fellowship

2022– Graduate Assistant Trainee Fellowship – Writing Consultant (The Islamic Seminary of America)

2022– Graduate Assistant Trainee Fellowship – Graduate Teaching Assistant (The Islamic Seminary of America)

2022–2024 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

2022-2024 Guttman Transfer Scholarship

2022-2024 Queens College Transfer Honors Program (Full Tuition Scholarship)

2022 City University of New York Peer Leader Fellowship

2022 Chaffee Award of Excellence

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Islamic Philosophy of Religion; Early and Medieval Islamic Thought (7th–18th centuries); Islamic Theology; Islamic and Arabic Philosophy; Islamic Intellectual History; The Salafī Movement (19th–21st centuries); History of Philosophy (both Ancient and Modern); Philosophy of Religion.

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

2024 "Logiczing God: Reassessing al-Ghazālī's Rule of Figurative Interpretation," paper presented at the Mellon Mays New York City Regional Conference at Queens College, City University of New York, New York, 04/09/2024.

2023 "Logic as a Determinant of Scriptural Interpretation: Revisiting al-Ghazālī's Hermeneutical Approach," paper presented at the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium 2023 at University of Chicago, Chicago, 08/09/2023.

2023 "Beyond the Veil: Rethinking Empowerment, Agency, and the Muslim Women," paper presented at the English Department Graduate Conference at City College of New York, City University of New York, New York, 05/17/2023.

2023 "Philosophy in Context: al-Ghazālī's Views," paper presented at the Long Island Philosophical Society Annual 2023 Conference at Saint John's University, New York, 04/01/2023.

2023 "Putting Philosophy in its Place: al-Ghazālī's Conception of Philosophy," paper presented at the Mellon Mays New York City Regional Conference at Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, 03/31/2023.

2022 "Empowerment: Between the Universal and the Parochial," invited presentation at LaGuardia Undergraduate Philosophy & Social Science Conference, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York, New York, 05/13/2022.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MEDIA APPEARANCES

2024 "*Muslim 'A-myo" Sa mī nahṅ'' Cainʿ Khaw Muh Myā"* (The Challenges of Muslim Women [in Burma])," (talk in Burmese), invited guest speaker at *Islam nahṅ'' Khit sit Kambhā: Tū tot' 'A-tway" Tū tot' 'A-pyaw* (Islam and Modernity: Their Thought; Their Discourse) program, at the Islamic Institute of Burma, virtual, 05/21/2024.

2024 "The Need for Interfaith Councils on College Campuses" invited guest speaker at the LaGuardia Community College Interfaith Council Open House at LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York, New York, 05/15/2024.

2023 "Ghazali and Aristotelian Logic" on *Believing Academics Podcast*, 09/21/2023.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Summer Research Training Program, University of Chicago.

2021 Certificate in Introduction to Arabic Manuscript Studies, Hill Museum & Manuscript Library.

LANGUAGES

Burmese (*native*)
English (*near-native*)
Classical Arabic (*reading and listening knowledge*)
Modern Standard Arabic (*intermediate*)

SCHOLARLY & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Qur'anic Studies Association

REFERENCES

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