

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- **2018–Present:** Ph.D. Candidate in Religious Studies & Teaching Assistant at the University of California, Santa Barbara, USA.
- **Dissertation Topic:** “Online Islamic Rituals and Their Impacts on Muslim Communities” (to be completed in July 2023). Supervised by Prof. Ahmad Atif Ahmad, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- **Fields of Comprehensive Exams:** 1. Islam in America with Professor Kathleen Moore, 2. Classical and Contemporary Islamic Law with Professor Ahmad Atif Ahmad, 3. Sufism and Cyber Religious Experience with Professor Juan Campo
- **2015 – Present** Assistant Lecturer at Islamic Studies Department, Al-Azhar University, Egypt (Currently in a study leave).
- **2012–2015:** Master’s Degree in Islamic Studies, Al-Azhar University, Egypt.
- **Thesis Topic:** “Concept of Jihad in the modern American Scholarship”. Supervised by Prof. Muhammad Abu Lailah, Al-Azhar University, Egypt.
- **2003–2008:** Bachelor’s Degree in Islamic Studies, Al-Azhar University, Egypt.

### Publications

“Muslim Online Prayer in a Socio-Cultural Context.” *Journal of CyberOrient*, Vol. 14, Issue 2, 2020, pp. 64-84. <https://cyberorient.net/2020/12/15/muslim-online-prayer-in-a-sociocultural-context/>

“The Saliency of Saintliness in Islam: A Sufi Perspective”. *Teosofi: Jurnal Tasawuf dan Pemikiran Islam*. Vol. 11, June 2021.  
<http://jurnalfuf.uinsby.ac.id/index.php/teosofi/article/view/1600>

Mohammad Habib in “Christian-Muslim Relations, A Bibliographical History, (1800-1915)”. *Brill*, Volume 18, November 2021. <https://brill.com/view/title/59587>

“Review: Cyber Sufis: Virtual Expressions of the American Muslim Experience (Islam in the Twenty-First Century)”. *Journal of CyberOrient*, Vol. 14, Iss. 2, 2020, pp. 99-103.

<https://cyberorient.net/2020/12/15/review-cyber-sufis-virtual-expressions-of-the-american-muslim-experience-islam-in-the-twenty-first-century/>

“Review: The Digital Social: Religion and Belief. *Journal of Religion Media and Digital Culture*. November 2021, Brill. DOI: 10.1163/21659214-bja10053.

[https://brill.com/view/journals/rmdc/10/3/article-p471\\_471.xml](https://brill.com/view/journals/rmdc/10/3/article-p471_471.xml)

“Digital Islam in the North America Context” in “Encyclopedia of Islam in North America, Oxford University Press, forthcoming December 2022.

## **Research & Teaching Interests**

Islamic Law, Islamic Theology, Philosophy, Islamic Movements, Sociology of Islam, Religion and Technology, Mysticism, Digital Islam, Cyber Sufism, and Online religion.

## **Scholarships & Awards**

- Summer 2022: *Ostad Elahi Fellowship Award (AY 2022-23)* in the field of comparative philosophy of religion, religious concepts of the afterlife, and religious practices that are inner-directed, from the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Spring 2022: *Charles Wendell Memorial Award* for Academic achievement in the field of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies by the Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Spring 2021: Graduate Student Research Award from UCSB Center for Middle East Studies
- Winter 2021: Graduate Student Research Award from UCSB Center for Middle East Studies
- Summer 2020: Graduate Student Research Award from UCSB Center for Middle East Studies
- Spring 2020: The Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant, UC Santa Barbara.
- Summer 2019: Block Grant Summer Research Stipend, UC Santa Barbara

- Fall 2018: Fellowship from the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education to study Ph.D. at University of California Santa Barbara in 2018.
- Winter 2007: Grant of the Ideal Student from the University of al-Azhar.
- Fall 2006: Grant of Excellence for the Egyptian Azhari students from the Kuwaiti government.

## **Teaching and Mentorship Experience**

### **2020–present: Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara**

- Fall 2021: Arabic IV
- Summer 2021: INT 95A - The Modern Research University
- Summer 2021: Research Mentorship Program (RMP)
- Spring 2021: Arabic VI (Online)
- Winter 2021: Arabic II (Online)
- Fall 2020: Arabic I (Online)
- Spring 2020: Arabic III (Online)
- Winter 2020 Arabic II

### **2015-2018 – Assistant Lecturer, A-Azhar University, Egypt**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2018: Islamic Philosophy
- 1st Semester, 2018: Comparative Religions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2017: Islamic Law
- 1st Semester, 2017: Islamic Culture and Orientalism
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2016: Islamic Civilization
- 1st Semester, 2016: Qur’anic Sciences

### **2012-2015 – Teaching Assistant, A-Azhar University, Egypt**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2015: Comparative Religions
- 1st Semester, 2015: Islamic Classical Texts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2014: History of Religions
- 1st Semester, 2014: Science of Prophetic Tradition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2013: Prophetic Biography
- 1st Semester, 2013: Qur’anic Sciences
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2012: Islamic Philosophy

## **Conference Presentations**

- “Online Islamic Rituals in the Western Context” at the Annual Conference of BRAIS (British Association for Islamic studies) on June 6, 2022, at University of Edinburgh
- “Hadra Online and New Sufism in Egypt: An online Sufi Ritual Model after Covid-19” at MESA annual meeting in December 2021.
- “The Childhood and Innocence in Sufism” at Columbia Religion Graduate Student Conference 2021. <https://columbiareligion.weebly.com/>.
- “YouTube as an Alternative tool to Physical Religious Practices”, under UCSB Research Mentorship Program (RMP) in the Summer of 2021.
- Chair of “Tensions in Islamic legal reform and renewals” panel at MESA annual meeting in October 2020.
- “Ashira Muhammadiyah as a Sufi Egyptian Model at Classical and Modern Sufism” at MESA annual meeting in October 2020.
- “The Body in the Sufi Context” at AIIC (American Indian & Indigenous Collective) 7th Annual Symposium in University of California Santa Barbara on Friday-Sunday 21-23 February 2020 “The Body as Archive.”
- “The Saliency of Saintliness in Islam” In American Academy of Religion West Region” hosted by Claremont University on 14 March 2020 via Zoom format due to Covid-19 Pandemic cancellation of the in-person conference.

## **Training and Qualifications**

- 2017: Workshop of “Gender Equality, Diversity, and Media Effect on Peace among Peoples” a dialogue between Dutch students and al-Azhar students about issues of on Ain Sukhnah (Egypt).
- 2016: Workshop of “Islamic Studies in the West: An Interdisciplinary Perspective at Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo.
- 2016: Workshop of “The Role of Religious Dialogue in establishing Peace and Promoting Nationalism” at Department of Islamic Studies in English at Faculty of Languages and Translation at Al-Azhar University in Egypt.
- 2009: Training of Trainers (TOT) course at Commit Academy in Cairo, Egypt.
- 2008: ICDL (International Computer Driving license).

## Languages

Arabic: Native

English: Fluent

German: Reading level

## Professional Affiliation

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)

Center for Middle East Studies (CMES)

British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS)

## References

- **Dr. Ahmad Ahmad**, Professor of Islamic Studies, University of California-Santa Barbara. Email: aaahma@ucsb.edu
- **Dr. Juan Campo**, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Email: campo@ucsb.edu
- **Dr. Kathleen Moore**, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of California-Santa Barbara and Associate Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts, Director of Legal Humanities Initiative. kmoore@religion.ucsb.edu
- **Dr. Rach El Omari**, Professor of Islamic Theology at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Email: elomari@religion.ucsb.edu
- **Dr. Magda Campo**, Lecturer of Arabic at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Email: campo@religion.ucsb.edu
- **Dr. Said Fares**, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at al-Azhar University in Egypt. Email: saidfares@ucla.edu

