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Academic Positions

- 2007-present Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies
Resident Fellow, Center for Critical Inquiry (2007-2008)
University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
- 2006-2007 Postdoctoral Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- 2004-2006 Resident Fellow, The Center for Gender Studies
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Spring 2005 Instructor
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- Summer 2004 Resident Fellow
Institute for Women's Studies and Research, Tehran, Iran

Education

University of Chicago, The Divinity School

Ph.D., Religious Ethics, Dec. 2006.

Dissertation: "Creative Obedience: Feminist Ethics From the Rhetoric of John Paul II and Ayatollah Khomeini."

Committee: William Schweiker (advisor), University of Chicago; Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago; and Abdulaziz Sachedina, University of Virginia.

M.A., Religious Studies, June 2001.

Harvard University

B.A., Government, June 1996.

Thesis (magna cum laude): "The Workings of a Women's Human Rights Network: A Case Study of Domestic Violence in Brazil."

Publications

Edited Book

Does Human Rights Need God? ed. E. Bucar and B. Barnett (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2005).

Articles

"Capacities, Skills, and the Ambiguity of Moral Excellence: Response to Aaron Stalnaker's Virtue as Mastery," *Journal of Religious Ethics* (forthcoming 2010).

"Gender and Comparative Religious Ethics," with I. Oh and G. Kao, *Journal of Religious Ethics* (forthcoming 2010).

"Bodies at the margins: The Case of Transsexuality in Catholic and Shia Ethics," *Journal of Religious Ethics* (forthcoming 2010).

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- “Ethical Genre in the Digital Age: The Case of Reading Weblogs in Tehran,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (fall/winter 2009).
- “Methodological Invention as a Constructive Project: Exploring the Production of Ethical Knowledge Through the Interaction of Discursive Logics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* (Sept. 2008).
- “Free Speech in Weblogistan? The Off-line Consequences of On-line Discourse,” with Roja Fazaeli, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (Aug. 2008).
- “Speaking of Motherhood: The Epideictic Rhetoric of John Paul II and Ayatollah Khomeini,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (Fall/Winter 2006).
- “Women, Gender, and Non-Governmental Organizations: Iran,” *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, ed. A. Joseph (The Netherlands: Brill, 2006).
- “The Why of Human Rights,” (with B. Barnett) in *Does Human Rights Need God?*, ed. E. Bucar and B. Barnett (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2005), 1-21.
- “Emergency Contraception and Catholic Hospitals,” (with D. Nolan) *Conscience* 20:1 (1999): 20-22.
- “A Clear Message: The Cairo+5 Youth Forum,” *Conscience* 20:1 (1999): 34.
- “When Catholic and Non-Catholic Hospitals Merge,” *Conscience* 19:2 (1998): 3-17.

Book Reviews

- “Review Essay of Charles E. Curran’s *The Moral Theology of Pope John Paul II*,” *The Journal of Religion* 86:3 (2006): 484-85.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Creative Conformity: The Feminist Politics of Catholic and Shia Women*, book monograph under review at Georgetown University Press.
- “Religious Discourse, Women’s Moral Agency, and a Rhetorical Turn,” article under review at *Journal of American Academy of Religions*.
- “Tight Rope Acts Over Common Ground: The Creativity of Moral Discourse in Iran,” article under review at *The Journal of Religion*.

Fellowships and Awards

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| 2009 | Summer Faculty Excellence Award, UNCG.
Course Development Grant, Honors College, UNCG. |
| 2008 | Summer Faculty Excellence Award, UNCG.
New Faculty Award, UNCG.
Nominee for NEH Summer Stipend.
Nominee for the Carnegie Scholar Program. |
| 2007 | Nominee for the Carnegie Scholar Program. |
| 2006-2007 | Postdoctoral Fellowship, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University. |
| 2005-2006 | Dissertation Writing Fellowship, The Center for Gender Studies, University of Chicago. |
| 2004 & 2006 | Doolittle Traveling Fellowship for Conference Presentation and Dissertation Research. |
| 2005 | Foreign Language Enhancement Scholarship for Persian, Committee on Institutional Cooperation, Summer. |
| 2005 | Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Persian, Ohio State University, Summer. |
| 2004-2005 | Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago. |
| 2004 | J. Coert Rylaarsdam Prize for Interfaith Relations, University of Chicago. |
| 2004 | Human Rights Internship Grant, Human Rights Program, University of Chicago. |
| 2002-2003 | Wabash Fellow, Chicago Forum on Pedagogy and the Study of Religion. |
| 2002 | Fellowship for the Study of Intensive Arabic, Middlebury College, Vermont, Summer. |
| 2001-2003 | Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Arabic, term-time and Summer. |
| 2000 | Delegate, University of Chicago Human Rights Delegation to Cuba and Guatemala. |
| 1999-2001 | Divinity School Fellowship, University of Chicago. |

Presentations

By Invitation

- “Capacities, Skills, and the Ambiguity of Moral Excellence,” Response to A. Stalnaker lecture, Moral Worlds and Religious Subjectivities, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (Feb. 2009).
- “What We Can Learn From Obama’s Muslim Problem,” Political Theologies, Past: Present and Future, Georgetown University, Washington, DC (Oct. 2008).
- “Weblogging in Tehran,” Keynote address, From Samizdat to Blogging: Globalization and New Forms of Political Expression, Sponsored by International Alternative Culture Center, OSA Archivum, and Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (Feb. 2008).
- “Comparing Changing Sex: A Case Study for Religious Ethics,” Workshop by invitation, Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Group, Religious Studies Department, Florida State University, FL (Jan. 2008).
- “Good Hijab, Bad Hijab: Material Discourse at Political Participation in Iran,” Lecture by invitation, Florida State University, FL (Jan, 2008).
- “Muslim-Christian Dialogue: The Case of Marriage and Family Law,” Lecture by invitation, Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (April 2007).
- “Bad Hijabi Lessons for (Bad) Feminist Scholarship,” Lecture by invitation, Breaking Apart the Monolith: The Many Ways of Being Muslim, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (March 2007)
- “Material Discourse at Political Participation in Iran,” Lecture by invitation, Georgetown University, Washington, DC (March 2007)
- “Good Hijab, Bad Hijab: Veiling as a Form of Political Dissent,” Lecture by invitation, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA (March 2006).
- “Human Rights and Religious Belief,” Interview with Radio Station WMUZ, Detroit, MI (Sept. 2005).
- “Ethics Within a Theocracy?” 2005 Ethics Lecture Series, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (May 2005).
- “What is Feminism?” Lecture by invitation, Governor’s Mansion, Isfahan, Iran (Aug. 2004).

Refereed Conference Presentations

- “The Ethics of Discursive Ambiguity: Iranian Ta’aruf as Ritual Politeness,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Comparative Religious Ethics Group (Nov. 2009).
- “Ethical Genre in the Digital Age: The Case of Reading Weblogs in Tehran,” Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL (Jan. 2009).
- “Transing’ Sex in Islam: The Case of Sex Change Operations in Iran,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Religion and Sexuality Consultation, Chicago, IL (Nov. 2008).
- “Reading Weblogs in Tehran: An Emergent Genre of Religious Ethics,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Ethics Section, San Diego, CA (Nov. 2007).
- “Good Hijab, Bad Hijab: The Politics of Religious Dress in Iran,” Engaging Islam: Feminisms, Religiosities, and Self-Determinations, UMass Boston, Boston, MA (Sept. 2007).
- “What ‘Good’ is Changing Sex? Considering the Case of Transsexuality in Comparative Religious Ethics,” Comparative Ethics Workshop, Society of Christian Ethics, Dallas, TX (Jan. 2007).
- “Bad Hijab and Chadori Women: The Construction of Gender Through Imperfect Obedience” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Contemporary Islam Consultation, Washington, DC (Nov. 2006)
- “Beyond Bully Pulpits: Charismatic Authority, Clerical Persuasion, and Comparative Religious Ethics,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Comparative Religious Ethics Group, Washington, DC (Nov. 2006).
- “A Tight Rope Act Over Common Moral Ground: A Woman’s Freedom Within Obedience,” Sixth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, International Society for Iranian Studies and London Middle East Institute SOAS, London (Aug. 2006).

- “Between Cultural Relativism and Universal Human Rights: Reform of Custody Laws in Iran,”
All in the Family: Islam, Women and Human Rights, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta,
GA (March 2006).
- “Speaking of Motherhood: The Epideictic Rhetoric of John Paul II and Ayatollah Khomeini,” Society of
Christian Ethics, Phoenix, AZ (Jan. 2006).
- “Talking Back in Iran: Religious Discourse, Women’s Agency, and a Rhetorical Turn,” American
Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Feminist Theories Working Group, Philadelphia, PA
(Nov. 2005).
- “Catholic Moral Permissibility of Emergency Contraception After Rape: A Feminist Reading,”
University of Chicago Graduate Student Ethics Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2001).

Research Languages

Reading and Speaking Proficiency: Persian (advanced), Modern Standard Arabic (intermediate).
Reading Proficiency: French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Religion
International Society for Iranian Studies
Middle Eastern Studies Association
National Women Studies Association
Society of Christian Ethics

Professional Service

American Academy of Religion, Comparative Religious Ethics Group (Steering Committee, 2007-
present)
Center for Gender Studies, University of Chicago (Fellow, 2004-06; Ruth Murray Prize Selection
Committee, 2006)
The Journal of Religion (reviewer, 2007-present)
Journal of the American Academy of Religion (reviewer, 2008-present)
Journal of Religious Ethics (reviewer, 2008-present)
Martin Marty Center for Religion and Public Life, The Divinity School, University of Chicago (Board of
Directors, 2004-2005; Dissertation Fellow, 2004-2005)