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Curriculum Vitae

I Education

Ph.D., 2021 Arizona State University (Religious Studies)

Dissertation: "Hunting Baraka: The Spiritual Materiality and the Material Spirituality Reconfiguring the Indonesian Islamic Landscape"

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Shahla Talebi (chair), Dr. Gaymon Bennett, Dr. James Rush, Dr. Chad Haines

Major Fields: Anthropology of Religion

Minor Fields: History of Islam in Indonesia, Anthropology of Islam

M.A., 2012: University of California Riverside (Religious Studies)

Advisor: Dr. Muhamad Ali (chair), Dr. Amanda Lucia, Dr. Jennifer Hughes

Major Field: Islamic Mysticism

Minor Field: History of Southeast Asia, Lived Religion

B.A., 2010 College of Charleston

Major: Religious Studies

Minor: Asian Studies

II Publications

Peer-Reviewed

"Pilgrimage Sites as Mobile Cities: Islamic Piety on the Move," *Routledge Handbook for Religion and Cities*. Elise M. Edwards and Katie Day ed., Routledge, 2020.

James M Edmonds. "Smelling *Baraka*: Everyday Islam and Islamic Normativity" in "(Mis)Representations of Islam: Politics, Community, and Advocacy," ed. Timothy P. Daniels and Meryem F. Zaman, special issue. *American Journal of Islamic Social Science* 36, no. 2 (Summer 2019).

Edmonds, James and Terry Shoemaker. "The Limits of Interfaith? Interfaith Identities, Emerging Potentialities, and Exclusivity." *Culture and Religion*, vol. 17, no. 2, 2016.

"Pilgrimage Sites as Mobile Cities: Islamic Piety on the Move," *Routledge Handbook for Religion and Cities*. Elise M. Edwards and Katie Day ed., Routledge, 2020.

"(Re)enchanted the Material: Technological Manifestations of *Baraka*." *Introduction to Digital Humanities: Material Religion*. Germany: De Gruyter. Forthcoming

Edited Translations

Nircholish Madjid. *Our Indonesia*. Muhamad Ali trans. James M. Edmonds ed. Jakarta, Indonesia: Nircholish Madjid Society, 2019.

Op-ed Pieces & Scholarly Journalism

Edmonds, James. "Enveloped by the Prophet." *Center for Asian Research*. January 30, 2019. <<https://car.clas.asu.edu/content/jamie-edmonds>>

_____. "Smartphone Baraka: Technological Transference." #*AsiaNow*. June 26, 2017. <<http://www.asian-studies.org/asia-now/entryid/72/smartphone-baraka-technological-transference>>

_____. "Listening to 'sholawat' to combat radical Islam," *Jakarta Post*. Published: June 2, 2017. <<http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/06/02/listening-to-sholawat-to-combat-radical-islam.html>>

_____. "Introducing Asia Mediated: Interdisciplinary Curriculum Innovation at Arizona State University" #*AsiaNow*. April 19, 2017 < <http://www.asian-studies.org/asia-now/entryid/44/introducing-asia-mediated-interdisciplinary-curriculum-innovation-at-arizona-state-university>>

Book Reviews

_____. *Rebranding Islam: Piety, Prosperity, and A Self-Help Guru* by James Bourk Hoesterey, *Journal of Asian Studies*. The Journal of Asian Studies, 77(4), 1136-1137. doi:10.1017/S0021911818002474

_____. *Practicing Islam: Knowledge, Experience, and Social Navigation in Kyrgyzstan* by David Montgomery in *Reading Religion* < <http://readingreligion.org/books/practicing-islam>>

_____. *Islam and Democracy in Indonesia: Tolerance without Liberalism* by Jeremy Menchik in *Reading Religion* < <http://readingreligion.org/books/islam-and-democracy-indonesia>>

_____. *Islam in Indonesia: The Contest for Society, Ideas and Values* by Carool Kersten. *Reading Religion*, < <http://readingreligion.org/books/islam-indonesia>>

_____. *Structuring Equality: Handbook for Student-Centered Learning*. HASTAC <https://www.hastac.org/blogs/jmedmonds/2017/05/09/chapter-5-three-problems-observation-review-james-edmonds>

Digital Humanities Project

Co-editor in Chief and Website Developer: *Ta'seel Commons*: <http://www.taseelcommons.com/>; 2017 – 2019

III Honors and Awards

Exterior Awards

FLAS Fellowship Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 - Javanese

FLAS Fellowship Fall 2019 – Spring 2020 – Javanese

FLAS Fellowship Summer 2019 – Javanese

FLAS Fellowship Fall 2018- Spring 2019 – Indonesian

Semi-Finalist for U.S. Student Fulbright to Indonesia 2017

HASTAC Scholar 2016 - 2018

International Institute for Islamic Thought Summer Research Grant 2016

Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict Friends of the Center Fellowship 2016

AIPS Summer Research Grant 2016 – Declined

Fulbright-Hays 2015

Honorable Mention Pre-Dissertation Ford Fellowship 2015

Institute for the Study of Immigrant Religions Research Grant 2012

Interior Awards

ASU Graduate College Millennium Completion Fellowship for the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 - declined
ASU Graduate College Fellowship Fall and Spring 2018, 2017
ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Travel Grant 2017, 2015
ASU Graduate Education Travel Award 2017, 2016, 2015
ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Excellence Award 2017, 2018
ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies Spring Research Grant 2017
ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Leaders 2016
ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grant Spring 2016, 2015
ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Excellence Award 2015
UCR Department of Religious Studies Travel Grant 2011
UCR Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Award 2010-2012

IV Presentations

Invited Public Lectures

“Hunting Baraka: Majelis Habib Syech and the Changing Landscape of Indonesian Islam” Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, May 2019. Language: English

“Pemburu Barokah: Majelis Habib Syech dan Perubahan Lanskap Islam Indonesia,” Universitas Wahid Hasyim, Semarang Indonesia. Language: Indonesian

“Introduction to Ethnographic Theory,” Universitas Nadhlatul Ulama, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, May 2019. Language: Indonesian

“Pemburu Barokah: Majelis Habib Syech dan Perubahan Lanskap Islam Indonesia,” Universitas Islam Negeri Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, June 2019. Indonesian

“Introduction to Ethnographic Theory: Technological Advances,” Soegijapranata Catholic University, Semarang, Indonesia, June 2019. Language: Indonesian

“Reimagining Islamic Authority in Asia: Transnational Baraka,” School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, Faculty Forum, March, 2019.

Selected Conference Presentations

“(Re)enchanted Religion,” North American Association for the Study of Religion,” Nov. 22-24, 2019

“Pilgrimage Sites as Mobile Cities: Indonesian Piety on the Move,” American Academy of Religion, Nov. 23-26, 2019.

“(Re)Enchanted Religion: Indonesian uses of Universal Definitions,” Western American Academy of Religion, March 10, 2019.

Presider. “Pop Culture as Argument: Contesting Religion, Gender, and Romance in Contemporary Indonesia,” American Academy of Religion, November 17, 2018.

“Reimagining Islamic Authority in Asia: Tracing Transnational *Baraka*,” “Asia on the Move,” *Nordic Institute for Asia Studies*, November 6, 2018.

“Disavowing Technology and the Formation of Digital Communities,” “Asia on the Move Ph.D. Course.” *Nordic Institute for Asia Studies*, November 9, 2018.

“Towards a Global Ummah and Indonesia’s Contentious Nationalism,” American Historical Association; Religious Nationalism in Flux section; January 6, 2018.

“Forming the Moderate Muslim and the Deception of Indonesian Islamic Exceptionalism,” American Anthropological Association in the Ethnography, Misrepresentations of Islam, and Advocacy Section; December 1, 2017.

“Flipping the Ethnographic: Illuminating the Importance of Belief,” American Academy of Religion in the Anthropology of Religion Unit; November 18, 2017.

“Secularism’s Ambiguity: Listening to the Streets of Jakarta,” Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict; April 7, 2017.

“Smelling Arab: The Possession at Solo, Indonesia,” American Academy of Religion in the Critical Theory and Discourse section; November 19-22, 2016.

“The Circulation of Islamic Ethics in Indonesia,” Asian Studies Research Center at Arizona State University; October 27, 2015.

“Popular De-Islamization of Yogyakarta’s Kraton,” Western American Academy of Religion Conference, Santa Clara; March 20-22, 2015.

Invited Respondent to *The Act of Killing*, Western Association for Asian Studies Conference, Arizona State University; October 8-10, 2014.

“Tasauf’s Transformation through Political Practice,” National American Academy of Religion; Chicago, Illinois; November 17-20, 2013.

“The Indonesian Muslims’ Experience in America,” Launch of the Institute for the Study of Immigrant Religions, University of California Riverside; June 1st 2012.

“The Revitalization of Islam through Dzikir in Indonesia: From Naqshbundi to Hamka,” Western American Academy of Religion Conference; Santa Clara, March 24-26, 2012.

V Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, Pima Medical Institute
Microcomputers (online)
Computer Fundamentals (online)
Computer Literacy (online)

Instructor of Record, Arizona State University
Approaches to Religion (on campus)
Islam in the Modern World (online)
Islamic Civilization (in person)
Religion and Popular Culture (online)
Western Religious Traditions (online)
Comparative Mysticism (online)
Religion, Culture, and Public Life (in person)

Religion and Moral Issues (in person and online)

Teaching Assistant, Arizona State University

Introduction to Islam
Religions of the World
Religion and Popular Culture
Religion in America

Teaching Assistant, University of California Riverside

Myth, Ritual, Symbol

VI Graduate Mentorship

Graduate Adviser for workshop on sensory and audiovisual ethnography. Utrecht University. 7-8 June 2021.

Graduate Adviser to anthropology and education students at Universitas Nadhlatul Ulama and Soegijapranata Catholic University May - June 2019.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Graduate Mentor, Arizona State University, 2020 and 2021.

VII Professional Appointments

Resident Director, Critical Language Institute for Indonesian, Ngurah Rai University, Bali, Indonesia: Summer 2019.

VIII Languages

English- Native
Indonesian- Full Professional Proficiency
Arabic- Limited Working Proficiency
Javanese- Limited Working Proficiency

IX Service

Associate Editor for the Southeast Asian section of #AsiaNow, *Association of Asian Studies*: <http://www.asian-studies.org/asia-now>; 2017 - Present

Editor for *Inside Indonesia*: <http://www.insideindonesia.org/> 2017- Present

Reviewer, Teaching Excellence Award, Arizona State University 2016, 2019

Organizer and Lead Collaborator: *The "Post-Secular" in the Anthropology of Religion* Spring 2016

Recruiting Liaison: School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies majors/minors, Fall 2015

Co-Organizer, Western Association for Asian Studies, Fall 2014

X Professional affiliation

New York Southeast Asia Network
Indonesia and Timor-Leste Studies Committee

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Association of Asian Studies (AAS)
American Historical Association (AHA)