

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1984–1991

Ph.D., Philosophy, May 1991

Dissertation: “Stability Logic: A Logic of Truth and Paradox”

M.A., Philosophy, May 1990

M.A., Mathematics, May 1988

University of Baghdad, Iraq, 1973–1978

B.S., Mathematics, September 1978

Areas of Research Interest

Logic, Truth Theory, Philosophy of Mathematics, Metaphysics, Islamic Philosophy and Theology

(Note: for the past several years, I have been developing wide expertise in the histories and philosophical theologies of the world’s monotheistic traditions.)

Academic Employment

William Wilson Selfridge Professor of Philosophy, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,
July 2022 – Present

Professor, Department of Philosophy, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, June 2014 –
Present

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,
August 2006 – May 2014

Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque,
May 2004 – May 2006

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, August 1998 – October 2003

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, August 1995 – July 1998 (Graduate Director, August 1997 – July 1998)

Assistant Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, August 1994 – June 1995

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, Tallahassee, August 1991 – June 1994 (Graduate Director, August 1992 – December 1993)

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Spring and Summer 1990 and Summer 1991

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Fall 1988 and Fall 1989

Instructor, Department of Liberal Studies, Division of University Outreach, University of Wisconsin, Madison, January 1987 – June 1990

Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, August 1984 – June 1988

Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Baghdad, Iraq, September 1978 – June 1979

Publications

Books

An Introduction to Metalogic, Broadview Press, Peterborough, Ontario, 2015

Al-Ghazālī's Moderation in Belief (Al-Iqtisād fī al-I'tiqād), Translation with an Interpretive Essay and Notes, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2013

An Introduction to Logical Theory, Broadview Press, Peterborough, Ontario, 2013

The Liar Speaks the Truth: A Defense of the Revision Theory of Truth, Oxford University Press, New York, 1993

Book in Progress

Qur'anic Exegeses of Early Mu'tazilite Masters (8th/9th and 10th Centuries CE); an annotated translation; under contract with Brill, Leiden

Articles and Book Chapters

“Al-Ghazālī’s View on Causality,” in *Occasionalism Revisited: New Essays from the Islamic and Western Philosophical Traditions*, edited by Nazif Muhtaroglu, Kalam Research and Media, Abu Dhabi, 2017, pp. 22–40

“Mental Types: The Basic Arguments,” *Review of Contemporary Philosophy* 12 (2013): 11–29

“On the Problem of the Intellective Soul in Aristotle,” *Analysis and Metaphysics* 11 (2012): 14–29

“Al-Ghazālī’s Ethical Egoism and Divine Will,” in *Monotheism and Ethics: Historical and Contemporary Intersections among Judaism, Christianity and Islam*, edited by Y. Tzvi Langermann, Brill, Leiden, 2012, pp. 163–196

“The Virtue of Open-Mindedness,” *Philosophy Study* 2 (2012): 35–42

“Al-Ghazālī’s Philosophers on the Divine Unity,” *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 20 (2010): 281–306

“Two Types of Deflationism,” *Synthese* 165 (2008): 77–106

“Naqd al-Nisbiyyah fī al-Akhlāq” (in Arabic; translation: “A Critique of Ethical Relativism”), *Arab Journal for the Humanities* 24 (2006): 155–168

Book Reviews

Review of *An Introduction to Non-Classical Logic: From If to Is*, Graham Priest, *Teaching Philosophy* 33 (2010): 432–436

Critical Study of *Correspondence and Disquotation: An Essay on the Nature of Truth*, Marian David, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic* 39 (1998): 279–85

Review of *The Incomplete Universe: Totality, Knowledge, and Truth*, Patrick Grim, *The Philosophical Review* 104 (1995): 339–341

Review of *Aristotelian Logic and the Arabic Language in Alfārābī*, Shukri B. Abed, *ISIS* 83 (1992): 480–481

Selected Presentations

“The Metaphysics of Mental Types,” Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association, Misericordia University, April 2013

“Multiple Realizability and Reduction,” Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, Greenville, February 2013

“Aristotle’s Active and Passive Intellects,” Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, University of Stirling, Scotland, July 2012

“Ibn Sīnā’s Causal Necessity and al-Ghazālī’s Occasionalism,” Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Waterloo, Ontario, May 2012

“Causation between Ibn Sīnā and al-Ghazālī,” Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, April 2012

“Causality in the Medieval Islamic Tradition,” Annual Summer Conference on *Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions*, University of Denver, June 2011

“Divine Freedom and the Problem of Evil in al-Ghazālī,” Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick, June 2011

“Al-Ghazālī on Divine Will,” Center for Global Islamic Studies, Lehigh University, October 2010

“Al-Ghazālī’s Ethical Egoism and Divine Will,” Annual Summer Conference on *Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions*, Marquette University, Milwaukee, June 2010

“Al-Ghazālī on the Oneness and Simplicity of the Necessary Existent,” The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2010

“Divine Unity in al-Ghazālī’s *Incoherence of the Philosophers*,” Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, October 2009

“Al-Ghazālī’s Philosophers on the Divine Unity,” Annual Summer Conference on *Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions*, University of Denver, June 2009

“Formal Epistemology: Some Philosophical Implications,” Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, March 2009

“Duhem, Bayes, and Irrationality,” The Joint Meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic and the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 2008

“On the Metaphysics of Truth,” Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2008

“A Possible Solution to the Problem of the Intellective Soul in Aristotle,” 2nd Annual Marquette Summer Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy on *Aristotle’s De Anima and Its Interpreters*, Marquette University, Milwaukee, June 2007

“The Case for Mathematical Structuralism,” Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, February 2006

“Platonism and the Nature of Mathematics,” California State University, San Bernardino, January 2006

“Mathematical Realism and Its Critics,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, January 2006

“Conceptual versus Metaphysical Deflationism,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, April 2005

“Naqd al-Nisbiyyah fī al-Akhlāq” (in Arabic; translation: “A Critique of Ethical Relativism”), Kuwait University, Kuwait, November 2004

“Al-Falsafah wa-Dawrahā al-Ḥaḍārī (in Arabic; translation: “Philosophy and Its Cultural Role”), Kuwait University, Kuwait, November 2004

“The View from Within: Mathematics as an Objective Study,” University of California, Berkeley, September 2001

“On the Irrationality of Belief,” Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, November 2000

“Rationality, Irrationality, and Bayesianism,” Annual Conference of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science, University of Sheffield, England, July 2000

“Tarski’s Semantic Conception of Truth,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, June 2000

“Mathematical Realism and Scientific Realism,” Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August 1998

“Revising Deflationism,” The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 1998

“The Duhem Problem: A Bayesian Analysis and Its Implications,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, February 1995

“Indispensability Arguments and Mathematical Realism,” Stanford University, Stanford, January 1994

“ ‘Would’, ‘Might’, and Other Interesting Monsters: On the Logic of Counterfactuals,” Florida State University, Tallahassee, December 1991

“Probabilistic Token Causation and Transitivity,” The Annual Convention of the Florida Philosophical Association, Boca Raton, November 1991

“Truth, Circularity, and the Tarskian Schema,” Ohio State University, Columbus, January 1991

Academic Awards and Honors

Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 2012

Faculty Research Grant, Center for Global Islamic Studies, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 2010

Paul Franz Junior Faculty Fellowship, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 2010

The National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Award, 2009

Senior Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, Stanford, 2001/02

Sabbatical Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, 2001/02

Departmental Nomination for the Gunter Starkey Award for Teaching Excellence, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 1999

Summer Research Award, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 1992

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1990/91

Dean's Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1990/91

W. D. Oliver Graduate Student Essay Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1989

Ph.D. Qualifying Examination in Logic and Philosophy of Mathematics passed with "Distinction," Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1988

Courses Taught

Philosophical Questions; Philosophical Problems; Introduction to Philosophical Thought; The Examined Life: An Introduction to Philosophy

Reasoning and Critical Thinking

Teaching Reasoning and Critical Thinking

Decision Theory

Elementary Logic; Symbolic Logic; Fundamentals of Logic; Modern Logic I

Modern Logic II; Metalogic; Mathematical Logic

Topics in Philosophical Logic: Non-Classical Logic

Topics in Philosophical Logic: Set Theory and Its Philosophy

Graduate Seminar in Philosophical Logic: The Logic of Provability

Graduate Seminar in Philosophical Logic: Contemporary Developments in Probabilistic Logic

Axiomatic Set Theory

Philosophy of Mathematics

Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Mathematics: Mathematical Instrumentalism

Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Mathematics: Mathematical Realism

Scientific Reasoning; Philosophy of Science

Philosophy of Biology

Philosophy of Physics

Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Science: Probabilistic Causality

Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Science: The Scientific Method and Bayesian Epistemology

Recent Philosophy; Twentieth-Century Philosophy; History of Analytic Philosophy; Contemporary Philosophy

Philosophical Methods

Wittgenstein

Metaphysics

Theory of Knowledge; Epistemology

Philosophy of Mind

Philosophy of Language

Truth Theory; Theories of Truth

Philosophical Anarchism

Islamic Philosophy

Introduction to Cognitive Science

Other Professional Activities

Refereed articles and book proposals for *Mind*, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Synthese*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Arab Journal for the Humanities*, Oxford University Press, Rowman & Littlefield, and Yale University Press

Led the Philosophy Faculty Seminar on “Theories of Truth,” Lehigh University, Spring 2012

Led the Philosophy Faculty Seminar on “Al-Ghazālī’s *Incoherence of the Philosophers*,” Lehigh University, Spring 2008

Linguistic Proficiency

English and Arabic

Reading Knowledge (with the aid of a dictionary)

Italian, German, French, Hebrew, Latin, Classical Greek

Professional Memberships

The American Philosophical Association

The Association for Symbolic Logic

The Philosophy of Mathematics Association

Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiéval

The Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

The American Society of Islamic Philosophy