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**Education:**

1988-93 Boston College (USA)  
Ph.D./ Philosophy  
1984-85 Boston College  
MA /Philosophy  
1980-84 Bethlehem University  
BA /English Literature  
Diploma in Education

**Doctoral Dissertation:**

*"The Development in Imam Al-Ghazzali's Epistemology"*

**Directors:** Dr. Patrick Byrne (Boston College)  
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**Academic Positions:**

2003-4 Visiting Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence/Wilkes Honors College/Florida Atlantic University  
1996- Associate Professor/ College of Arts/ Al-Quds University/ Jerusalem  
1995-96 Research Fellow/ International Institute for Islamic Thought and Civilization/  
International Islamic University Malaysia  
1993-95 Assistant Professor /Department of Philosophy/ International Islamic University Malaysia

1990-93 Teaching Fellow/ Department of Eastern and Slavic Languages/ Boston College  
1989-93 Teaching Fellow/ Department of Philosophy/ Boston College  
1985-88 Instructor/ Department of Humanities/ Bethlehem University

**Honors and Awards:**

- 2001 Winner of Science and Religion Course Award, The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA
- 2003-4 Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence-Wilkes Honors College/Florida Atlantic University

**Areas of Specialization:**

- Studies on Al-Ghazzali
- Islamic Philosophy
- Islamic Epistemology

**Areas of Competence:**

- Islamic Studies
- Modern and Contemporary Arabic/Islamic Thought
- History of Philosophy

**Languages:**

Arabic, English, Hebrew, Italian

**Administrative Experience:**

2000- Director, Islamic Research Center, Al-Quds University / Jerusalem  
2000-02 Coordinator, MA Program in Contemporary Islamic Studies, Al-Quds University  
1994-95 Head, Dept. of Philosophy, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)  
1993-94 Acting Head, Dept. of philosophy (IIUM)

**Publications:**

I. Books:

1. *Studies in Islamic Epistemology: the Case of Al-Ghazzali*; Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka: Kuala Lumpur, 1995 (English)
2. *Fatwa Al-Ghazzali* (The Religious Rulings of Al-Ghazzali); ISTAC: Kuala Lumpur, 1996 (Arabic)
3. *Islam in Focus*, By Hammudah Abdulati. Revised and Edited by Shaykh Salih al Husayin and Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway; Amana Publications: Beltsville, Maryland, 1998.
4. *Kitab Al-Tarbiyah Al-Islamiyyah* (Islamic Education Textbook for Seventh Grade), co-author and coordinator (Palestinian Ministry of Education, 2001)

II. Articles:

1. "The Development in Al-Ghazzali's Epistemology", *Intellectual Discourse* vol. 2, 1994, 167-176
2. "Al-Ghazzali's Spiritual Crisis Reconsidered", *Al-Shajarah (JISTAC)* vol. 1, 1996, 77-94
3. "Fiqh Al-Bi'ah fi Al-Islam" (The Jurisprudence of the Environment in Islam) published by Al-Najah University-Nablus, 1997.
4. "Al-Nurisi wa al-Sababiyyah" (Al-Nurisi on Causality) International Institute for Islamic Thought-Amman/ Jordan, 1997
5. "Al-Nurisi on the People of the Book" (Istanbul Ilim Ve Kultur Vakf-Istanbul, 1999)
6. "Ibrahim in the Islamic Scriptures", *Abraham in the Three Monotheistic Faiths* (PASSIA: Jerusalem, 1998)
7. "Towards an Islamic Jurisprudence of the Environment", *Islam: the Environment and Health* (Islamic Medical Association of South Africa: Qualbert, 1999)

8. "An Islamic Perspective on the Palestinian Statehood" (*The Palestine-Israel Journal for Politics, Economics and Culture*, 1999)
9. "The Holy Land, Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Islamic Sources", *Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis* (CCAR) Fall 2000, 60-68
10. "The Image of the Other in Palestinian Islamic Education Books" (To be published by the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem )
11. "Al-'Uhdah Al-'Umariyyah wa Bu`daha Al-Hadari" (The Pact of `Umar [Ibn Al-Khattab] and its Civilizational Role) *Muslim-Christian Dialogue in Jerusalem* (PASSIA: Jerusalem, 2001) 45-52
12. "Muhammad (SAAS) fi Al-Torah wa Al-Injil" (Muhammad in the Torah and the Gospel) *Muslim-Christian Dialogue in Jerusalem* (PASSIA: Jerusalem, 2001) 93-102
13. "Towards a New Planetary: The Role of Religion from an Islamic Perspective" [Un'anima per la globalizzazione] *Globalizzazione: Conflitto O Dialogo Di Civiltà?* Ed. Roberto Papini (Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane: Napoli, 2002) 239-244.
14. "Jerusalem: Crossroad of the World, An Islamic Perspective", *Realtà Nuova*, (Istituto Culturale Rotariano: Milano, 2002) anno LXVI, n.2, 41-55
15. "Islamic Perspectives on the Oslo Process" *The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Oslo and the Lessons of Failure*, Editors: Robert L. Rothstein *et al* (Sussex Academic Press: Brighton, 2002) 78-87
16. "Faith and Politics in Islam: What Paradigm?" *Concilium*, 4-2003

#### **Conferences and Presentations** (Partial List):

- "Islamic Perspectives on the Arab-Israeli Conflict"  
The Episcopal Provincial Convocation Conference on the Middle East  
Holyoke, MA (USA) Nov. 16-17, 1990
- "Jesus Christ in Islamic Scripture"  
Religious Awareness Week- North Eastern University  
Boston, MA (USA) May 17, 1990
- "Introduction to Islam"  
The Inter-Cultural Training Resource Center of the Archdiocese of Boston.  
MA (USA) Jan. 17, 1991
- "Religion, Ethics and Homosexuality"  
Panel Discussion- Clark University  
Worcester, MA (USA) April 22, 1991
- "Introduction to Islam"  
Intensive Course Concurrent with the Finger Lakes Conference  
Geneva, New York (USA) June 23-29, 1991
- "The 'Nation State' and Islam"  
26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of the American Muslim Social Scientists  
Brockport, New York, Nov. 28-30, 1997
- "Religion, Community and Conflict"  
Armagh Conference  
Armagh, Ireland, Feb. 26-28, 1998
- "On Knowing God in Islam"  
Convegno Internazionale / Teismo: Storia E Teorsi  
Pontifica Università Lateranense & Pontifical Institute (Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center)  
Jerusalem, April 16-18, 1998

“Higher Education in Palestine: Challenges vs. Aspirations”  
Muslim Leaders’ Forum  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 15-25, 1998

“Nursi on the People of the Book”  
Third International Conference on the Work of Nursi  
Istanbul, Turkey, September 19-23, 1988

“Qaradawi on Islamic Medical Ethics”  
Islamic Medical Association Conference  
Durban, South Africa, April 2-5, 1999

“God, The Most Merciful, The Most Compassionate”  
Dio Padre del Signore nostro Gesu Cristo  
Studium Biblicum Franciscanum  
Jerusalem, April 19-22, 1999

“Islamic Spirituality”  
Otterbein College  
Columbus, Ohio, USA, May 20, 1999

“Islamic Spirituality”  
University of Basel  
Basel, Switzerland, May 30, 1999

“What Do We Want the Other to Teach about Us?” An Islamic Perspective  
The Center for Christian –Jewish Understanding/Sacred Heart University, Fairfield,  
Connecticut in Cooperation with The Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World  
Religions  
Ratisbonne Papal Institute  
Jerusalem, February 8-10, 2000

"The Evolution of Islamic Movements in the Arab World"  
Panel Discussion-Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Washington, DC (USA)  
April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000

"Woman's Rights in Islam: The Cultural vs. the Religious”  
Middle-Eastern Council of Churches,  
Amman, Jordan, 10-12 July, 2000

“Towards a New Planetary: The Role of Religion from an Islamic Perspective”  
Panel Discussion-Globalization, Cultures and Religions  
Istituto Internazionale Jacques Maritain  
Venice and Treviso, Italy, 11-13 February, 2001

"On the Role of Christian Pilgrims Towards the Holy Land" (Italian)  
Panel Discussion- *Pellegrini a Gerusalemme, Portatori di Speranza e di Pace*  
Chiesa Locale, Pellegrinaggio e *Traditio Fidei*  
Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi  
Rome, Italy, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001

"Why the Arab-Israeli Conflict is Still Going on?"  
Amherst College  
Amherst, MA, March 15, 2001

“An Islamic Critique of the Oslo Process”  
The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Lessons of Oslo  
Colgate University  
Hamilton, New York, March 22-24, 2001

“A Critique of the “Scientific” Exegesis of the Qur’an”  
Science and Religion: Perspectives of Islamic Civilization  
University of Malaya  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, September 2-5, 2001

“On the Validity of Al-Ghazzali’s Works as a Paradigm for Contemporary Islamic Thought”  
International Conference on Al-Ghazzali’s Legacy: Its Contemporary Relevance  
International Institute for Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC)  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October 24-27, 2001

"Religion and the Promise of Redemption in the Israeli Law of Return"  
The Israeli Law of Return and its Impact of the Conflict in Palestine  
Palestinian Return Center  
Venue: London School of Oriental and African Studies  
London, UK, April 6-7, 2002

"Islam and the Challenges of Secularism"  
Keynote Address  
Second Annual Catholic-Muslim Studies Conference  
The Bernardin Center  
The Catholic Theological Union  
Chicago, USA, May 8-9, 2002

"Modern Science and the Hermeneutics of the “Scientific Interpretation” of the Qur’an”  
Reason and Revelation: Comparative Interpretation in Science and Religion  
Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science  
Philadelphia, USA, June 15-20, 2002

“Towards a Theology of Soft-Otherness”  
Europe between Hospitality and Globalization  
Fourth International Philosophical Colloquium  
Centro Studi sulle Categorie Politiche dell’Europa  
Reggio Emilia, Italy, October 14-15, 2002

“Self-Corrective Possibilities in Islam”  
Self-Corrective Possibilities in Christianity, Islam and Judaism  
Annual Lecture on Religious Pluralism  
Shalom Hartman Institute  
Jerusalem, January 21, 2003

“When Is War Justified? The Case of Iraq” Interreligious Perspectives  
ICCI  
Jerusalem, February 20, 2003

“Revelation in Islam”  
Revelation in the Three Monotheistic Religions  
Studium Biblicum Franciscanum  
Jerusalem, April 28, 2003

“Religion and Public Life in the Middle East” (July 10<sup>th</sup>)  
New perspectives on Peace  
The First International Summer School on Religion and Public Life  
Sarajevo-Mostar-Dubrovnik, July 7-23, 2003

“The Image of the Other in the Palestinian Ministry of Education Islamic Textbooks”  
Education as a Force of Change  
BRISMES (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies)  
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies  
University of Exeter, UK, July 12-15, 2003

“Religious and Political Leadership and Peacemaking: A Muslim Palestinian Perspective”  
 Authority, Leadership and the Quest for Peace: An Interreligious Conference  
 The Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions  
 Jerusalem, August 3-6, 2003

**Courses Taught (Selection):**

• Islamic Theology	(English)	Graduate
• Readings in Islamic Theology	(Arabic)	Graduate
• Philosophy: Al-Kindi to Ibn Rushd	(English)	Undergraduate
• Al-Ghazzali’s Critique of Muslim Philosophy	(English)	Undergraduate
• Readings in Al-Ghazzali	(Arabic)	Graduate
• Modern Muslim Thinkers	(Arabic &English)	Undergraduate
• Contemporary Islamic Thought	(Arabic)	Graduate
• History of Western Philosophy	(English)	Undergraduate
• Islam and the West	(Arabic)	Graduate
• Islam and the Palestinian Issue	(Arabic)	Graduate
• Islamic Epistemology	(Arabic)	Graduate
• Introduction to Islam	<b>(Hebrew)</b>	Graduate
• Islamic Medical Ethics	(Arabic &English)	Undergraduate
• Islam and Modernity	(English)	Undergraduate

**Societies (membership):**

1. American Academy of Religion (2001- )
2. American Philosophical Association (1993-99)
3. Muslim-Christian Council / Jerusalem (1998- 99)