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EDUCATION:

- Ph. D. University of Virginia, August 2009. Course work completed June 2004.
- M.A. University of Virginia. Course work completed June 2002.
- B.A. Hampshire College.

DISSERTATION:

“Preaching Islamic Renewal: Shaykh Muhammad Mitwalli Sha’rawi and the Amalgamation of Revelation and Contemporary Life.”

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PUBLISHING:

Accepted Works:

Article:

“Preaching and The Epistemological Enforcement of ‘Ulam• Authority”, Intellectual Discourse, pending 2011.

Chapter in edited volume:

“How Television Extends Religious Authority: Increasing Perceived Piety through Visual Presence,” in *Re-enchantment of Arab Television: Audience Responses and Identity Constructions*, ed. Ehab Galal, forthcoming from Routledge.

Encyclopedia Entry:

“Women in the Middle East from Pre-History to 1250,” in *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Geoffrey Golson, California: Sage Publications, 2011.

Article Submitted:

Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication, 2011.

“Dominion is in the Hands of God: Shaykh Muḥammad Mitwall• Sha’r•w’s Public Admonition of a President.”

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

Re-enchantment of Arab Television: Audience Responses and Identity Constructions:
Copenhagen May 2011

“How Television Extends Religious Authority: Increasing Perceived Piety through Visual

Presence,”

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting November 2010

“Can Religious Speech Be Political? *Shaykh Muhammad Mitwalli Sha’rawi’s Admonishment of Egyptian President Husni Mubarak.*”

The AMSS Annual Conference September 2009

“Utilizing the Sermon to Incorporate Change: *Shaykh Sha’rawi’s Epistemological Enforcement of ‘Ulama Authority.*”

The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion November 2007

Communicating Religion in the Contemporary World: Shaykh Muhammad Mitwalli Sha’rawi Islamic Preacher of the People.

The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion November 2006

The Role of Islamist Rhetoric in the Perpetuation of Violence Against Muslims: The Case of Hasan al-Turabi and Genocide in the Sudan.

The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion November 2004

The Role of the Ulama and the Sufis in Political Reform: The Case of the Late Ottoman Empire.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor University of Kansas

Department of Religion August 2010

Visiting Assistant Professor Davidson College

Department of Religion August 2009-May 2010

Teaching five courses over the course of the year including: Introduction to Islam, Women and Gender in the Islamic Tradition, Islamic Ethics and “Imagining Islam.”

FELLOWSHIPS:

Dissertation Grant, University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies 2008-2009

University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Language Fellowship for study of Arabic. 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Dupont Fellowship 2005-2006

Huskey Travel Fellowship 2004, 2007

Merchant Fellowship 2003-2004

ACADEMIC / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy: Founding Committee 2006-2007
A non-profit organization helping in Darfur, Sudan

American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS): Fons Vitae Press 2009-2010	Reviewer Advisory Board	2009-2011
Digest of Middle East Studies (DOMES)	Book Reviewer	2010-today