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Education

Ph.D. **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.** Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought. Major Field: Political Thought; Minor Field: Cultural Thought. Certificates in Women and Gender Studies and Future Professoriate. *Expected Graduation Date: May 2015.*

M.A. **The University of Georgia.** Religion. Minor field: Classics. Thesis: *A History of Jews in Greek Gymnasia.* Major Professor: David S. Williams. Graduation Date: August 2009.

B.A. **Converse College.** Political Science. Minor: Religion. Graduate of the Nisbet Honors Program. Graduation Date: May 2006.

Summer Immersion Program. **Ahl al-Bayt University,** Immersion in Arabic Program, Mafrqa, Jordan. June 20-August 8, 2004.

Experience

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Fall 2011-Present
- Online Instructor of Religion, Potomac State College of West Virginia University Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- Administrative Assistant for Communications, First Presbyterian Church of Athens, GA February 2010-July 2011
- Temporary Instructor, Department of Religion, The University of Georgia Fall 2009-Spring 2011
- Graduate Teaching Assistant and Graduate Instructor, Department of Religion, The University of Georgia Fall 2006-Spring 2009

Courses Taught

- RELG 102 – Religions of the World Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- RELI 1002 – Introduction to Eastern Religions Fall 2009-Spring 2011
- RELI 1001 – Introduction to Judaism, Christianity and Islam Spring 2007-Spring 2009

Courses Teaching Assisted

- PHIL 1304 - Morality and Justice Fall 2011-Present
- CLAS 1000 – Greek Culture Fall 2007-Spring 2008
- RELI 1006 – Intro. to World Religions Fall 2006
- POL 402 – Women’s Lives in Africa and Asia Spring 2006
- POL 101 – Intro. to International Relations Spring 2006
- POL 493 – Model NATO Fall 2005-Spring 2006

Publications and Presentations

- “Women as *Bhikkhuni* at the Carolina Buddhist Vihara” November 21, 2003
Presented at The Pluralism Project’s “Religious Pluralism in the United States – The Southern States” Conference

Conferences

- National University Model Arab League, Washington DC 2004-2006,
Delegate, Chair, Judge, and Student Advisor 2008-2009, 2011
- Southeast Regional Model Arab League, Spartanburg, SC 2004-2009; 2011-2012
Delegate, Chair, Judge, Head Delegate, and Advisor
- Southeast Regional Model United Nations XXI, Atlanta, GA November 18-20, 2010
Director, League of Arab States Committee
- Tri-Presbytery Fall 2010 Leadership Event, Atlanta, GA August 21, 2010
Attended workshops on advances in digital and print media and on innovations in web presence and website design.
- National Model NATO, Washington DC 2005-2006
Delegate and Secretary-General
- “Democracy and Human Rights: The Next Steps,” Reykjavik, June 1-5, 2005
Iceland. Sponsored by the Atlantic Youth Association of Iceland
- Northeast University Model Arab League, Boston, MA November 2004
Delegate and Assistant Chief Justice
- “Religious Pluralism in North America: The Southern US,” November 21-22, 2003
Atlanta, GA. The Pluralism Project, Harvard University.
Presentation of original research

Professional Development

- New Media Faculty-Staff Seminar, Virginia Tech Spring 2012
- Faculty Development Institute Seminars, Virginia Tech Fall 2011-Present

Service

- President, ASPECT Student Association Fall 2011-Present
- Student Committee Member, ASPECT Faculty Search Spring 2012
- Volunteer and Coordinator, The University of Georgia's *Reacting to the Past* curriculum, *Athens in 403 B.C.* Fall 2007-Spring 2008
- Head Delegate, Model Programs of Converse College 2005-2006
- Class of 2007 Representative, Converse College Honor Code Violations Appeals Board 2005 2006

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- "Model Arab League Lifetime Achievement Award" March 2012
Awarded by NCUSAR
- "Best Delegate –Arab Heads of State" awarded by the Southeast March 2012
University Model Arab League and NCUSAR
- "Model North Atlantic Treaty Organization Award," May 2006
awarded by Converse College
- "Best Crisis Chair – Arab Court of Justice, awarded by the National April 2006
University Model Arab League and NCUSAR

Interests

- The effect conflicts have on regional and international religious practice.
- Hellenistic Judaism, focusing in the relationship between Jews and Greeks in *gymnasia*.
- Integration of Web 2.0 into the classroom, especially as it relates to experiential learning.
- Creating new, standardized methodology for interdisciplinary study.
- Exegesis of ancient sources, including texts written in Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic, and Koine Greek.