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### **Education**

1995-99 Ph.D., Free University Berlin, Germany  
1991-95 M.A., Free University Berlin, Germany  
1990-91 University of Damascus, Syria  
1987-90 University of Göttingen, Germany

### **Professional Experience**

2008- Professor of Islamic Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.  
2006–08 Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.  
2003-04 Mellon Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J.  
2000-2006 Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.  
1999-2000 Research Fellow, Orient Institut der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, Beirut, Lebanon

### **Honors and Awards**

2007        Carnegie Scholar  
2005        Griswold Award for Research Abroad.  
2003-04     Mellon Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.  
2003-04     Morse Fellowship in the Humanities.  
1995-98     Dissertation Grant for Promising Young Scholars of the Land Berlin  
(Nachwuchsförderungsprogramm des Landes Berlin).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Averroes' Maßgebliche Abhandlung*. Introduction and commented German translation of Ibn Rushd's *Fasl al-maqal*. Frankfurt: Verlag der Weltreligionen. 2010. 246pp.

*Al-Ghazali's Philosophical Theology*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. 424 pp.

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[Download the publisher's description of the book](#) (PDF file, in English).

[Download the book's Table of Contents, Introduction, and Conclusion](#) (PDF file, 22 pages in German).

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"The Project of Enlightenment in Islamic-Arabic Culture." In: *The Cultures of Maimonideanism: New Approaches to the History of Jewish Thought*. Edited by James T. Robinson. Leiden: Brill, 2009. 1–20.

"Al-Ghazali's Cosmology in the Veil Section of His *Mishkat al-Anwar*." In *Avicenna and his Heritage: A Golden Age of Science and Philosophy*. Edited by Tzvi Langermann. Turnhout (Belgium): Brepols, 2009. 27-49

"Al-Ghazali or al-Ghazzali? On a Lively Debate Among Ayyubid and Mamluk Historians in Damascus." In *Islamic Thought in the Middle Ages: Studies in Transmission and Translation in Honour of Hans Daiber*. Edited by Anna Ayse Akasoy and Wim Raven. Leiden: Brill, 2008. 101-112.

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"Toleration and Exclusion: al-Shafi'i and al-Ghazali on the Treatment of Apostates." *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* (London), 64 (2001): 339-354. [Download PDF file](#).

"Die Anwendung des Apostasierurteils bei as-Safi'i und al-Gazali." (The application of the Law of Apostasy in al-Shafi'i and al-Ghazali.) In *Akten des 27. Deutschen Orientalistentages (Bonn - 28. September bis 2. Oktober 1998) - Norm um Abweichung*. Edited by Stefan Wild and Hartmut Schild. Würzburg: Ergon Verlag, 2001. 353-362.

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History of Kalam*. Vol. III. (Variorum Collected Studies Series; 835) By Richard M. Frank. Edited  
by Dimitri Gutas. Aldershot (UK): Ashgate, 2008. In: *Journal of Islamic Studies*. In Press.

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générale, édition critique du texte arabe, traduction française, commentaires et tables par  
Maroun Aouad. 3 vols. Paris: Vrin, 2002. In: *Isis* 98 (2007): 373–75.

Review: *Menschliche oder göttliche Weisheit? Zum Gegensatz von philosophischem und religiösem Lebensideal bei al-Ghazali und Yehuda ha-Levi*. By Nicolai Sinai. Würzburg: Ergon Verlag, 2003. In: *Orientalische Literaturzeitschrift* (Berlin). 101 (2006): 693-7.

Review: *Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination*. By Ebrahim Moosa. Chapel Hill and London: The University of North Carolina Press, 2005. In: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 74 (2006): 795-8.

Review: *Avicenna's Metaphysics in Context*. By Robert Wisnovsky. London: Gerald Duckworth & Co., 2003. In: *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 88 (2006): 107-12. [Download PDF file](#).

Review: *Rasa'il al-Shajara al-ilahiyya fi 'ulum al-haqa'iq al-rabbaniyya*. By Shams al-Dīn al-Shahrazuri. Edited by Mehmet Necip Görgün. 3 vols. Istanbul: Elif Yayinlari, 2004. In: *al-'Usur al-Wusta*. 17.2 (2005), 46-47.

Review: *Abkar al-afkar fi usul al-din*. By Sayf al-Dīn al-Amidi. Edited by Ahmad Muhammad al-Mahdi, 5 vols. Cairo: Dar al-Kutub wa-l-Watha'q al-Qawmiyya, 1424/2004. In: *al-'Usur al-Wusta*. 17.2 (2005), 46.

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Review: *Al-Ghazali. The Niche of Lights: A parallel English-Arabic Text*. Translated, introduced, and annotated by David Buchman. Islamic Translation Series. Provo (Utah): Brigham Young University Press, 1998. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 122 (2002): 859f.

Review: *Maimonides' Empire of Light: Popular Enlightenment in an Age of Belief*. By Ralph Lerner. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2000. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 122 (2002): 860-863.

Review: *al-Juwayni's Thought and Methodology. With a Translation and Commentary on Luma' al-Adilla*. By Mohamed Moslem Adel Saflo. Berlin: Klaus Schwarz Verlag, 2000. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 122 (2002): 858f.

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Review: Averroes, *Kommentar des Averroes zu Platons Politeia*. Übersetzt von Simon Lauer und kommentiert von E.I.J. Rosenthal. Zurich: Spur Verlag 1996, and Averroismus im Mittelalter und in der Renaissance. Edited by Friedrich Niewöhner and Loris Sturlese. Zurich: Spur Verlag, 1994. *Die Welt des Islams* 38 (1998): 254-260.

### **Translations**

Harald Motzki, "Whither hadith-studies?" In *Analysing Muslim Traditions. Studies in Legal, Exegetical and Maghazi hadith*, by Harald Motzki. Leiden: Brill: 2010. 47-124. English translation of two German articles originally published in *Der Islam* 73 (1996).

*Der Peptimist oder Von den seltsamen Vorfällen um das Verschwinden Saids des Glücklosen*. Annotated German translation of the Arab novel "al-Mutasha'il" ("The Pessoptimist") by Emil Habibi. In collaboration with I. Abu Haschhasch, H. Fährndrich, A. Neuwirth, F. Pannewick, J. Paul, and S. Srouji. Zurich: Lenos Verlag 1992. 257 pp.

### **SELECTION OF SCHOLARLY PRESENTATION**

#### **Invited Lectures and Workshop Participation**

"On the Itmam Tatimmat Siwan al-hikma: Content and Authorship." Paper given at the conference "Theological Rationalism in Medieval Islam," at the Orient Institut of the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft in Istanbul, Turkey, June 4-6, 2010.

"Al-Ghazali and Causality – Or on the Fate of the Natural Sciences in Islam." Paper given at the Dipartimento di Studi e Ricerche su Africa e Paesi Arabi at the Università di Napoli - l'Orientale in Naples (Italy) on November 24, 2009.

"Wird der Einfluss der arabischen Philosophie überschätzt?" Talk during the *Dies Quodlibetalis* of the Gesellschaft für Philosophie des Mittelalters und der Renaissance (GPMR), June 19, 2009 at the Institut für Philosophie, Universität Würzburg, Germany.

"Inspiration (*ilham*) as a Source of Scientific Knowledge: How al-Ghazali Applied the Avicennan Notion of Acumen (*hads*)." Talk given to Yale's Working Group on Arabic Philosophy, April 20, 2009.

"What Did al-Ghazali Mean When He Said That the Connection Between a Cause and Its Effect Is Not Necessary?" Paper invited to a symposium on the philosophy of Ibn Sina organized by Marmara University, Ankara University, and the Association for the Scholars of Islamic Philosophy (ISFED) in Istanbul (Turkey), May 22–24, 2008.

"Al-Ghazali's Students and Immediate Followers: A Portrait of the Intellectual Climate in Iraq and Iran during the Early 12th Century." Paper given during the conference, "In the Age of Averroes Arabic Thought at the End of the Classical Period," Warburg Institute, London, February 14–16, 2008.

"Was meint al-Gazali mit seiner Kritik an den Philosophen, dass kausale Verknüpfungen nicht notwendig seien?" Ruhr Universität Bochum (Germany), October 15, 2007.

Keynote Speaker on "The Project of Enlightenment in Islamic-Arabic Culture" at the conference on "The Cultures of Maimonideanism: New Approaches to the History of Jewish Thought," European Association for Jewish Studies, Oxford, July 16–19, 2007.

Respondent of the panel "Faiths in Conflict" at the conference "Religious Communities in Islamic Empires," Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, April 30–May 2, 2007.

Invited Participant in the research group on "Mu'tazilism within Islam and Judaism" at the Institute for Advanced Study of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 3–16, 2006.

"How God Creates the World? Al-Ghazali and the Cosmology of the Aristotelian Philosophers." University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 10, 2006.

"*Buhuth jadida hawla hayat al-Ghazali wa-'alaqatihi ma'a Madinat al-Quds*." Arabic lecture given at the Mu'assasat Ihya' al-Turath wa-l-Buhuth al-Islamiyya (Center for Heritage and Islamic Research) in Abu Dis, West Bank, November 25, 2005.

"Necessity is God's Free Choice: al-Ghazālī's Incorporation of Philosophical Cosmology in an Occasionalist View of Creation." Paper given at the international conference "Post-Avicennian Science and Philosophy" at Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, November 21–23, 2005.

Discussant of Mary Habeck's Paper "Our 'Aqida: Jihadist Ideology and the Jihadist War on the West." Workshop "The Roots of Radicalism." Yale University, May 8–9, 2004.

"Al-Ghazali's Ontology: A Reading of Ms. London Or. 3126" Paper given at the Colloquium "Classical Arabic Philosophy: Sources and Reception" organized by the Department of Philosophy, King's College, London. April 29–30, 2004.



"Al-Ghazali and the Authorities of Reason and Revelation in Islam" Lecture at the Royal Institute of Philosophy at Birmingham University, England. April 27, 2004.

"Ist der Islam die „ursprüngliche Veranlagung" des Menschen? Al-Ghazali über das muslimische Konzept der fitra" Paper given at the University of Bamberg, Germany, June 2, 2003 and at the Free University of Berlin, Germany, June 5, 2003.

Invited participation at the Workshop "Tolerance and Intolerance in Medieval and Modern Islamic Thought," at New York University, May 17, 2003.

"Islam in America: Just Another Denomination or a Clash of Cultures?" Paper given at the Center for Religion and American Life at Yale, April 24, 2003.

"Much Ado About Nothing? The Dispute on the Philosophical Connection between Descartes and al-Ghazali," Paper given at the New Haven Oriental Club, November 14, 2002.

"al-Ghazali's Novel Concept of Prophecy - Connecting a Muslim's Belief with the Status of Being", Paper given at the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations of Harvard University, Cambridge (Mass.), October 30, 2001.

"How did Arabic Philosophy Influence European Thinking: The Case of al-Ghazali and Descartes", Paper given at the Orient Institut der deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, Beirut, June 30, 2000.

"Ibn Rushd's Three Types of Commentaries on Aristotle: Jawami', Talkhisat and Tafsirat", Paper given at the Mu'atamar Abù Walid Ibn Rushd - Qira'at fi falsafatihi wa-fikrihi, Maqasid Institute, Beirut, January 25-26, 2000.

"The relationship between Averroes and al-Ghazali as it presents itself in Averroes' early writings, especially in his commentary on al-Ghazali's al-Mustasfa", paper given at the Baker Colloquium on Islamic, Jewish and Christian Medieval Philosophy at the University of Dayton/Ohio, April 11-13, 1999.

"Johann Gottfried Eichhorn und das protestantische Interesse an der philosophischen Allegorie Hayy ibn Yaqzan" (J. G. Eichhorn and the Protestant interest in the philosophical allegory Hayy Ibn Yaqzan), paper given on a colloquium on the German religious scholar and orientalist Johann Gottfried Eichhorn (1752-1827) at the Herzog-August-Bibliothek in Wolfenbüttel, Germany, February 18-19, 1999.

"A new source for the study of Averroes' scientific programme: Averroes' Short Commentary on al-Ghazali's juridical work", paper given at the Postgraduate Seminar of the Warburg Institute London, January 25, 1999.

"A new interpretation of Averroes' relationship to al-Ghazali", paper given at the symposium held on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of Averroes in Istanbul, December 11-13, 1998.

### **Conference Lectures**

"The Formation of Post-Classical Arabic and Islamic Philosophy during the 12th and the 13th centuries." Paper to be given at the panel "Towards a comprehensive history of falsafa in Islam: Flashlights into the history of philosophy after al-Ghazali," at the Deutsche Orientalistentag (DOT) in Marburg, September 20-24, 2010.

"What Did al-Ghazali Mean When He Said That the Connection Between a Cause and Its Effect Is Not Necessary?" Paper given at the 218th Meeting of the American Oriental Society in Chicago, March 14–17, 2008.

"The Combination of *liberum arbitrium* and the Prior Determination of Events in al-Ghazali's Cosmology." Paper given at the annual conference of the Middle Eastern Studies Association in Boston, November 23-26, 2006.

"Al-Ghazali's Cosmology and the "Veil Section" of *Mishkat al-anwar*." Paper given at the 216th Meeting of the American Oriental Society in Seattle, March 17–20, 2006.

"Necessity is God's Free Choice. Al-Ghazali's Incorporation of Philosophical Determination into a Voluntarist Concept of Creation." Paper given at the international conference on *Knowledge Exchange in the Mediterranean* of the Société Internationale pour l'Historie de la Science et Philosophie Arabe et Islamique (SIHSPAI) at Florence (Italy), February 16–18, 2006.

"The Influence of Averroes' Concept of Religious Toleration in Jean Bodin (1530–1596)." Paper given at the 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, May 5–8, 2005.

"Determination and 'the Best of All Possible Words' in the Early al-Ghazali." Paper given at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in San Antonio on Sunday, November 21, 2004.

"Die Arten der Gottesbeweise bei al-Gazali und Hs. or. 3126 in London." Paper given at the 29th Deutsche Orientalistentag, "Barrieren - Passagen." in Halle (Germany). September 20-24, 2004.

"Ms. London, British Library, Or. 3126: A Textbook of Philosophical Metaphysics by al-Ghazali?" Paper given given at the International Conference of the American Oriental Society in San Diego (California), March 12-15 1, 2004.

"Is the 'pseudo-Maqasid' an unknown work by al-Ghazali on metaphysics and theology?" Paper given at the colloquium on Indentité culturelle des sciences et des philosophies arabes: auteurs,

oeuvres et transmissions, organized by the Société Internationale d'Histoire des Sciences et de la Philosophie Arabes et Islamiques in Namur (Belgium), January 14-18, 2003.

"Is the 'Pseudo-Maqasid' an Unknown Work by al-Ghazali on Metaphysics and Theology?"  
Paper accepted for the annual conference of the Middle Eastern Studies Association in Washington D.C., November 23-26, 2002.

"The Introduction of Avicennean Psychology into the Muslim Theological Discourse: The Case of al-Ghazali (d. 1111)" Paper given at the conference of the Société Internationale pour l'Etude de la Philosophie Medievale in Porto (Portugal), August 26-31, 2002.

"Al-Ghazali's Initial Accusation against the Falasifa in the Tahafut", Paper given at the International Conference of the American Oriental Society in Houston (Texas), March 22-25, 2002.

"Two Very Different Approaches in al-Shafi'i and al-Ghazali on the Treatment of Apostates",  
Paper given at the International Conference of the American Oriental Society in Toronto (Canada), March 30-April 1, 2001.

"Die Anwendung des Apostasierurteils bei as-Safi'i und al-Gazali" (The application of the law of apostasy in al-Shafi'i and al-Ghazali), paper given at the 27th Deutsche Orientalistentag in Bonn, September 28-October 2, 1998.