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Education

- 2022 **Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY)**, New York, NY
PhD in Cultural Anthropology
- 2017 MPhil in Cultural Anthropology
- 2010 **New York University**, New York, NY
MA in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies
- 2007 **Bard College**, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
BA in Anthropology and Africana Studies

Academic Appointments

- 2022- **Boston College**, Lynch School of Education & Human Development
Assistant Professor, Department of Formative Education
Islamic Civilizations and Societies, Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences (*affiliate*)
- 2017-18 *Research Affiliate*, **State University of Zanzibar**, Tanzania
- 2014-17 *Instructor*, **Hunter College**, Department of Anthropology

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

- 2021 **Committee on Globalization and Social Change**, CUNY, Dissertation Fellow
- 2021 **Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean**, CUNY, Dissertation Fellow
- 2020-22 **Social Science Research Council** Transregional Collaboratory on the Indian Ocean, "*Oceanic Power: Gulf Aid, Islamic Ethics, and Climate Change in Zanzibar's Offshore Search for Oil and Gas*," with Mary Khatib and Issa Ziddy
- 2020-21 **Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies** Dissertation Completion Fellow
- 2020 **National Academy of Education/Spencer** Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 2020 **Global Religion Research Initiative** Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 2019-20 *Writing Across the Curriculum* Fellow, City College of New York
- 2018 **Fulbright-Hays** Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2017 **Wenner Gren Foundation** Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2017 **Social Science Research Council** International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2015 **Advanced Research Collaborative** African Archival Research Grant
- 2015 CUNY Anthropology Department Pre-Dissertation Travel Award
- 2015 Doctoral Student Research Council Dissertation Grant

- 2014 **Social Science Research Council** Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
 2008-10 **Foreign Language and Area Studies** Fellowship for MA degree (*Arabic, NYU*)
 2007 Pat Singleton Award for Commitment to Public Service (*Bard College*)
 2006 Paul Williams Scholarship for academic distinction (*Bard College*)
 2005 Ralph Ellison Award for promoting cross-cultural understanding (*Bard College*)
 2004 Arabic Language Award for excellence in language learning (*Bard College*)

Publications

Refereed Articles/Chapters

- 2022 **"Swahili Arabic: Imitation, Islam, and the Semiotics of Race in Zanzibar,"** in Zain Abdullah (ed.), *Routledge Handbook on Islam and Race*. New York: Routledge (*forthcoming*).
- 2021 **"'Useful' Knowledge and Moral Education in Zanzibar Between Colonial and Islamic Reform, 1916-1945,"** *Islamic Africa* Vol. 12, Issue 1.
- 2021 **"Modernizing the Madrasa: Islamic Education, Development and Tradition in Zanzibar,"** in Ousmane Kane (ed.), *Islamic Scholarship in Africa: New Directions and Global Contexts*. Rochester, NY: James Currey.
- 2016 **"Making Africa Legible: Kiswahili Arabic and Orthographic Romanization in Colonial Zanzibar,"** *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* Vol. 33, Issue 3.

Encyclopedia Entry

- 2011 **"Ibrahim Mohamed, Khalil."** In *Dictionary of African Biography*. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampong (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews

- 2017 Review of Goolam Vahed and Thembisa Waetjen, *Schooling Muslims in Natal: Identity, State and the Orient* *Islamic Educational Institute, African Studies Quarterly* Vol XVII No. 1.
- 2015 Review of *Shari'a in Africa Today: Reactions and Responses* (John Chesworth and Franz Kogelmann, eds.), *Islamic Africa* Vol. 6, Issue 1-2.
- 2014 Review of Marloes Janson, *Islam, Youth, and Modernity In The Gambia: The Tablighi Jama'at*, *African Studies Quarterly* Vol. XIV No. 4.

Presentations

Invited Talks

- 2020 **"Spiritual Capital: Islamic Education, Development and Social Change in a Zanzibari Madrasa,"** Harvard Divinity School, *Islam in Africa* series, Jan. 2020.
- 2017 **"Modernizing the Madrasa: Islamic Education, Knowledge and Tradition in Zanzibar,"** Harvard University, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, *New Directions in the Study of Islamic Scholarship in Africa* seminar, Oct. 2017.

Conference Presentations & Seminars

- 2021 **"Development is People': Kuwaiti Aid, Islamic Development, and Spiritual Reward in Zanzibar."** Paper presented at the *American Anthropological Association*, Nov. 2021.

- 2021 **“The Blue Economy’s Black Gold: Climate Change, Islam, and Zanzibar’s Search for Oil.”** Paper presented at *International Convention of Asia Scholars: Climate Change in Coastal Cities*, Aug. 2021, with Mary Khatib and Issa Ziddy.
- 2019 **“Spiritual Capital in Zanzibar: Islamic Education in the Time of Primitive Accumulation.”** Paper presented at the *African Studies Association conference*, Nov. 2019
- 2018 **“Wame-taṭawur Zaidi:” Education, Development and Politics in Zanzibar and Oman.** Paper presented at *Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge*, University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, September 2018.
- 2017 **“Modernizing the Madrasa: Islamic Education, Knowledge and Development in Zanzibar,”** Paper presented at *Texts, Knowledge, and Practice: The Meaning of Scholarship in Muslim Africa*, Harvard University, Feb. 2017.
- 2016 **“Kusomekesha Afrika: Kiswahili cha Kiarabu na Herufi za Kirumi Katika Zanzibar ya Kikoloni,”** Paper presented at the *New York African Studies Association (NYASA) Conference*, April 2016.
- 2015 **“Colonizing Curriculum: Modernity, Morality and Islamic Education in Colonial Zanzibar.”** Paper presented at the *Middle East Studies Association conference*, Nov. 2015.
- 2015 **“Making Africa Legible: Kiswahili Arabic and Orthographic Romanization in Colonial Zanzibar.”** Paper presented at the *Mazrui Seminar for Scholars*, International Institute for Islamic Thought, Oct. 2015.
- 2015 **“‘Negro Education’ from the American South to 1920s East Africa.”** Paper presented at the *Early Research and Scholarship Conference*, Advanced Research Collaborative, Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Sept. 2015.
- 2015 **“Modernity and Morality in Colonial Islamic Education in Zanzibar.”** Paper presented at *MESAAS Graduate Student Conference*, Columbia University, Mar. 2015.
- 2010 **“Coherence and Collaboration: The Bahá’í Ruhi Institute in New York City.”** Paper presented at the conference, *We Have Never Been Secular: Rethinking the Sacred*, The New School for Social Research, April 2010.

Panels Organized

- 2021 **“Patronage and Dependency in Islamic Ethics & Economies of Care: Ethnographic Inquiries from Africa and the Middle East,”** *American Anthropological Association*, with China Sajadian.
- 2019 Plenary panel, **“Beyond Resistance, Beyond Critique: Exploring Constructive Agency in Social Movements and Critical Scholarship,”** *Association of Bahá’í Studies*, with Bradley Wilson, Holly Hanson, Derik Smith, Michael Karlberg, Layli Maparyan, Liz Washington, Sahar Sattarzadeh, and Michael Penn.
- 2015 **“Questioning the Moral in Islamic Education: Modernity and the Reconfiguration of Islamic Knowledge,”** *Middle East Studies Association*.

Teaching Experience

Boston College

FORM 2254 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Religion and Education (Fall 2022)
EDUC 9737 Ethnographic Methods (Spring 2023)
EDUC 2253 Learning Global Citizenship (Spring 2023)

Hunter College

ANTHC 200 Anthropology of Africa (Spring 2017)
ANTHC 201 Anthropology of the Middle East (Spring 2016)
ANTHC 307 Religion & Modernity (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

Academic Service

2021- Editorial Committee, *Journal of Bahá'í Studies*
2020-22 CUNY Executive Committee
2020 CUNY Anthropology Faculty Search
2017 CUNY Anthropology Cultural Admissions Committee

Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association
African Studies Association (Islam in Africa Studies Group)
Middle East Studies Association

Languages

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| Swahili | Arabic (MSA & Egyptian dialect) | Spanish |
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