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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1978 Ph.D., Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations: Islamic Studies, with focus on medieval religious literature in Arabic and Persian; Islamic art history, and religion.
1971 M.A., Saint Louis University, Department of Biblical Languages and Literature.
1967 B.A., Saint Louis University, double major in Classical Languages and Philosophy, Summa cum laude.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 1978 -- Professor (1988), Theological Studies, Saint Louis University.
2005-06 Interim Chair, Department of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University
1992-98 Hotfelder Distinguished Professorship in the Humanities (rotating three-year competitive award renewable once in new competition), Saint Louis University
1990 Fall, Rockefeller Fellow in the Humanities, Washington University, St. Louis
1988 Fall, Visiting Faculty, University of Pittsburgh, Semester at Sea (100 day voyage)
1985 Winter, Research Fellow, Sophia University (Tokyo) Institute of Asian Cultures
1983 Summer, Research Fellow, Sophia University (Tokyo) Institute of Asian Cultures
1981 Fall, Visiting Professor in Departments of Theology and Art History (Jesuit Scholar in Residence), Xavier University, Cincinnati
1981 Summer, Visiting Lecturer in Islamic Religion, Lexington Theological Seminary (Christian Church), Lexington, KY
1978 Spring, Visiting Instructor, Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, MA
1975 Summer, Instructor in Theology, Saint Louis University
1975-78 Instructor in Theology, Boston College, Boston, MA
1972-73 Instructor in Theology, Saint Louis University
1969-71 Instructor in Theology, Latin, and Greek, DeSmet Jesuit High School, St. Louis
1969-71 Summers, Instructor in Theology, St. John's College, Belize City, Belize, C. A.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES (Reading): Classical and Medieval Arabic, Persian, Biblical Hebrew, Classical and Biblical Greek, Classical and Medieval Latin, French, Spanish, German, Italian

MEMBERSHIPS: (Past or Current)

Middle East Medievalists, American Academy of Religion, American Oriental Society, Middle East Studies Association, International Society for Iranian Studies, College Theology Society, Catholic Theological Society of America, Islamic Society of North America

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS

Islamic Theological Themes: A Primary Source Reader (editor). Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014.
Fighting Words: Religion, Violence, and the Interpretation of Sacred Texts (editor). Berkeley: University of California Press, 2012

- Islam and Christianity: Theological Themes in Comparative Perspective*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011 – **Choice “Outstanding Academic Title for 2011.”** Farsi translation: *Islām o Masīhīyat: Bar Rasī Taḥbīqī Andīshahā-yi Kalāmī* Trans. Ahmad Namaee. Mashhad, Iran: 2015.
- Tales of God’s Friends: Islamic Hagiography in Translation* (editor). Companion anthology to *Friends of God: Islamic Images of Piety, Commitment and Servanthood*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009
- Friends of God: Islamic Images of Piety, Commitment and Servanthood*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008. Indonesian translation: (Jakarta: PT Elex Media Komputindo, 2011) **National Award: American Academy of Religion 2009 for Excellence in the Study of Religion in the Analytical-Descriptive Studies category.**
- Knowledge of God in Classical Sufism: Foundations of Islamic Mystical Theology* (editor/translator). Paulist Press Classics of Western Spirituality Series — selection of Medieval texts translated from Arabic and Persian on the theme of "experiential knowledge." Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2004. Indonesian translation: *Mengenal Allah*, trans. Musa Kazhim (Bandung: Mizan, 2005).
- Islam and the Heroic Image: Themes in Literature and the Visual Arts*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1999, paperback edition. Original cloth edition: Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina, 1993.
- Windows on the House of Islam: Muslim Sources of Spirituality and Religious Life* (editor/translator). A Sourcebook of Texts and Images designed as companion to *Seven Doors to Islam* (below), University of California Press, 1998. Edited 74 translations by 33 scholars from 12 languages; contributed eight from Arabic and one from Persian; wrote all connecting and introductory text; along with my own photos for half of the 66 illustrations; 450 pp. Indian edition -- New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal, 2000. Notable Book Status award, Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society Book Competition, 1999. Arabic translation: In preparation.
- Seven Doors to Islam: Spirituality and the Religious Life of Muslims*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996. 350 pp., 38 ill. Indian edition -- New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal, 1998. Selection anthologized in *The Spread of Islam*, ed. C. Swisher (San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 1999) 125-33. Honorable Mention, Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society Book Award, 1999. Turkish translation: *İslam’ın Yedi Kapısı* (Istanbul: İnsan Yayınları, Haziran 2003/2006). Indonesian translation: *Dimensi-dimensi islam* (Jakarta: Inisiasi Press, 2004). Choice Outstanding Academic Book 1996. Arabic translation: In preparation.
- All the King’s Falcons: Rumi on Prophets and Revelation*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1994. Indonesian translation: *Rajawali sang raja: senandung Rumi tentang Nabi dan wahyu* (Jakarta: Serambi Ilmu Semesta, 2001).
- Letters on the Sufi Path by Ibn ‘Abbad of Ronda* (editor/translator) from Arabic, with Introduction and Notes, a Volume in the Classics of Western Spirituality Series. New York: Paulist Press, 1986. Indonesian translation: *Surat-surat Sang Sufi*, trans. MS Nasrulloh and Ilyas Hasan (Bandung: Mizan, 1993).

ACADEMIC REFERENCE WORK/SOLE AUTHOR

A Historical Dictionary of Sufism. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press (imprint of Rowman and Littlefield), 2005; paper version published as *The A to Z of Sufism* (2009); Series: Religions, Philosophies, Movements. Indonesian translation 1st ed: Bandung: Mizan, 2011. **Revised-40% expanded edition delivered, forthcoming 2016.**

PEER-REVIEWED MONOGRAPH IN PROGRESS

Crossing Confessional Boundaries: Hinge Paradigms among the Abrahamic Traditions, advance contract to U California Press, reviewable text delivery promised Jan. 2018. 165,000 word text.

GENERAL INTEREST BOOKS

The Handy Islam Answer Book. Detroit: Visible Ink Press, 2015

The Handy Religion Answer Book, 200,000 word text with 128 illustrations, including 110 of the author's photos. Detroit: Visible Ink Press, revised edition 2012; first ed. 2001. Reissued 2004 Barnes and Noble (cloth) and Borders (paper). Vietnamese trans: *Tri thuc ton giao: qua cac van nan va giai dap* (Hanoi: Nha xuất bản Ton giao, 2005).

101 Questions and Answers on Confucianism, Daoism, and Shinto. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2003.

Understanding the Islamic Experience. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2002. An updated and expanded edition, adding full index, timeline, glossary, and all new photos by the author, of *In the Footsteps of Muhammad: Understanding the Islamic Experience*. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1992. Philippines edition, Manila: St. Paul's Press, 1999. Korean translation: 2005

Responses to 101 Questions on Buddhism. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1999. Indian edition, Bombay: Better Yourself Books, 2001. Reissued for mass-market outlets as 101 Questions and Answers on Buddhism, dual-publishing arrangement with Random House/Gramercy Press, 2002.

Responses to 101 Questions on Hinduism. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1999. Indian edition, Bombay: Better Yourself Books, 2000. Reissued for mass-market outlets as 101 Questions and Answers on Hinduism, dual-publishing arrangement with Random House/Gramercy Press, 2002

Responses to 101 Questions on Islam. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1998. Indian edition, Bombay: Better Yourself Books, 2000. Reissued for mass-market outlets as 101 Questions and Answers on Islam, dual-publishing arrangement with Random House/Gramercy Press, 2002

SMALLER ITEMS PUBLISHED

- Thirty-five scholarly articles and book chapters
- Fourteen encyclopedia entries
- Thirteen articles/essays in journals of opinion
- Twenty review essays
- Eleven commentary pieces (newspapers, online journals)
- Eighty book reviews
- Fifty book notes/brief mentions