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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

B.A. : State Institute for Islamic Studies, Bandung, Indonesia (1987-1991)
M.A. : Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1996-1998)
Ph.D. : Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture (PIC), Binghamton
University, Binghamton, New York (1998-2004)
Dissertation : Necessary Being in Islamic Philosophy and Theology

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

- Islamic Studies
- Islamic Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Qur'anic Studies
- Islamic Thought
- Philosophy of Religion

COURSES TAUGHT:

1. Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2005; Spring 2007)
2. Introduction to Islam (Fall 2004; Fall 2006; Fall 2007)
3. Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2006; Summer 2006; Spring 2007)
4. Major Themes of the Qur'an (Spring 2007)
5. Modern Philosophy (Spring 2005; Fall 2005, Independent Study)
6. Peace and Violence in the Qur'an (Fall 2008)
7. Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2004; Fall 2006; Spring 2008)
8. Religion and Cosmology (Fall 2008)
9. Special Topic: Islam in America (Fall 2005; Spring 2008)
10. Special Topic: Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism (Spring 2005; Fall 2007)
11. Special Topic: Major Themes in the Qur'an (Spring 2006)
12. Special Topic: Mystical Philosophy (Spring 2006)
13. Special Topic: Peace and Violence in Islam (Fall 2006)
14. Special Topic: Religion and Cosmology (Spring 2008)

COURSES BEING TAUGHT:

1. Qur'an on Religious Pluralism
2. Medieval Philosophy
3. Imagining American Religion

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Geneva, New York), July 2008-present.
2. Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religion, Moravian College (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania), Fall 2004-Spring 2008.
3. Lecturer, "Islamic Thought (Phil/Rel 315)," Department of Religious Studies, Hamilton College (Clinton, New York), Spring 2004.
4. Teaching Instructor, "Eastern Philosophy (Phil180R)," Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton, New York), Spring 2002.
5. Teaching Instructor, "Philosophy of Religion (Phil111F)," Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton, New York), Spring 2001.
6. Teaching Assistant, "Law, Ethics, and Business (Phil147)," Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton, New York), Fall 1999.
7. Teaching Assistant, "Descartes, Hume, and Kant (Phil147)," Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton, New York), Spring 1998.
8. Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Ethics," Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton, New York), Fall 1998.
9. Junior Lecturer, "Arabic" and "History of Islamic Civilization," Faculty of Islamic Letters (*Adab*), State Institute for Islamic Studies (Bandung, Indonesia), 1994-1995.
10. Teaching Assistant, "Arabic" and "Qur'anic Hermeneutics," Faculty of Islamic Education (*Tarbiyah*), State Institute for Islamic Studies (Cirebon, Indonesia), 1992-1993.

EXPERIENCE IN PUBLICATION

A. Published Articles/Books

1. *Methodology of Qur'anic Interpretation: Fakhr al-Din al-Razi's Exegetic Principles*. New York: Global Scholarly Publications, 2006.
2. Ali A. Mazrui. *Islam between Globalization and Counter-Terrorism*. Edited by Shalahudin Kafrawi, Alamin Mazrui and Ruzima Sebuharara. Somerset: Africa World Press and London: James Currey (2006).
3. "The Notion of Necessary Being in Fakhr al-Din al-Razi's Philosophical Theology." In *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*,

- vol. 15, no. 1 (January 2004). This article is republished as a book chapter in *Islam and Other Religions: Pathways to Dialogue (Essays in Honour of Mahmoud Mustafa Ayoub)*. Ed. Irfan A. Omar. London and New York: Routledge, 2006.
4. "Murji'ites, Murji'a." In Richard C. Martin, ed. *Encyclopedia of Islam and Muslim World*. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003.
 5. "Mu'tazilites, Mu'tazila." In Richard C. Martin, ed. *Encyclopedia of Islam and Muslim World*. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003.
 6. "Fakhr al-Din al-Razi's Sources of *Ta'wil*: Between Revelation and Reason." *The Islamic Quarterly*, vol. xliii (1999), no. 3, 186-202.
 7. "Methods of Interpreting the Qur'an: A Comparison of Sayyid Qutb and Bint al-Sha'ti'." In *Islamic Studies*, vol. 37 (1998), no. 1.
 8. "The Duration of the Challenge in the Discussion of the *I'jaz* of the Qur'an." In *The Dynamic of Islamic Civilization*. Yogyakarta: Titian Ilahi Press-Forum Pembibitan Calon Dosen IAIN, 1998.
 9. "Mohammad Hatta's Political Contribution," in *A History of Muslims' Political Thought*. Yogyakarta: Titian Ilahi Press and Permika-Montreal, 1997.
 10. *Petunjuk Praktis Belajar di Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Kanada [A Practical Guide to Study Islam at the Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Canada]*. Editor. Yogyakarta: Lembaga Penterjemah dan Penulis Muslim Indonesia-Permika Montreal, 1997.
 11. *Do'a dalam al-Qur'an [Prayer in the Qur'an]*. In collaboration with Sjamsuri Hasan and Wahyuddin Abdurrasyid. Indramayu: ICMI Indramayu, 1993.
 12. *Kamus Mini Bahasa Arab-Bahasa Indonesia [Pocket Dictionary: Arabic-Indonesian]*. In collaboration with Wahyuddin Abdurrasyid and Ahmad Jaelani (Indramayu: ICMI Indramayu), 1991.

C. Editorial/Managerial Skills

1. Associate Director, Global Publications (Binghamton, New York), Fall 2000-Summer 2002.
2. Assistant to the Director, Global Publications (Binghamton, New York), Fall 1998-Summer 2000.
3. Managing Editor of *Series in Philosophy, Politics and Law* (Binghamton, New York), 2002.
4. Production Manager of *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* (Binghamton, New York), Summer 2002.
5. Editorial Board of *Dialektika Budaya*, IAIN Bandung (Bandung, West Java, Indonesia), 1994-1996.
6. Editorial Board of *Supermasi* (Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia), 1991-1992.

D. Popular Writings

1. "Peace Is Message of All Religions," *The Democrat and Chronicle* (September 30, 2008).
2. "Cartoon Displayed West's Lack of Respect for Islam..." *The Morning Call* (February 15, 2006).
3. "No Room for Multicultural Education, Yet" ["Pendidikan Multikultural Belum Mendapat Tempat"]. *Mitra Dialog* (28 June 2005).
4. "Islam: Vision and Reality" ["Islam antara Kata dan Realita"]. *Mitra Dialog* (3 June 2005).
5. "Muslims Revere Quran as Direct Divine Revelation." *The Morning Call* (20 May 2005).
6. "Membudayakan Norma-Norma Agama [Acculturation of Religious Norms]." *Bali Post* (13 March 1996).
7. "Membangun (Kembali) 'Peradaban Hati' [Rebuilding "Spiritual" Civilization]." *Bali Post* (17 January 1996).
8. "Kontribusi Politik 'Middle Class' di Indonesia [Political Contributions of 'Middle Class' in Indonesia]." *Bali Post* (20 December 1995).
9. "Bahasa dan Kebenaran: Antara Kata dan Makna [Language and Truth: Signifier and Signified]." *Pikiran Rakyat* (28 October 1995).
10. "Menapaki Jejak Kediri Mahasiswa Muslim Indonesia [In Search for the Identity of Indonesian Muslim Students]." *Pikiran Rakyat* (12 April 1991).

PRESENTATIONS

1. "Razi on the Necessary Existent," *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (Fordham University, New York: October 24-26, 2008).
2. "What Makes an Efficient Cause Efficient? Ibn Sina's Notion of Will," *The American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA) Conference* (Marquette University, Marquette: November 9-10, 2007).
3. "Causality in Ibn Sina's Emanative Scheme." *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (Fordham University, New York: October 19-20, 2007).
4. "One-Unity Principle and the Making of a Multicultural Indonesia," *Sino-US Symposium on Globalization and Its Challenges to Philosophy and Social Sciences in the 21st Century* (Beijing, China: July 26-27, 2007).
5. "Qur'anic Support for Multiculturalism," *International Conference on Translating Islam in the Multicultural World* (Bandung, Indonesia: November 8, 2006).
6. "Fakhr al-Razi on Causality," *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (Fordham University, New York: October 21, 2006).

7. "Learning to Live, Learning to Kill," American Academy of Religion (Philadelphia: November 19-22, 2005).
8. "Islamic Ground for Multiculturalism," *Peacemaking Symposium: Religion and Conflict Resolution* (Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, November 10, 2005).
9. "The Metaphysics of Contingency: Avicenna's Essence-Existence Distinction," *An International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (New York City: October 14-16, 2005).
10. "Multicultural Education and the Freedom for Religion" ["Pendidikan Multikultural dan Kebebasan Beragama"]. *Multifaith Workshop* (Cirebon, West Java: 28 June 2005).
11. "Theological Roots of Absolutism: An Islamic Perspective," *Theological Roots of Absolutism: Why am I Right?* (Bethlehem: Moravian College, April 13, 2005).
12. "Islamic Perspective on Human Rights," *A Panel on Human Right: Asia* (Moravian College, Bethlehem, March 31, 2005).
13. "Fakh al-Razi and Ibn Sina on Necessary Existent," *An International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (New York City: October 23-24, 2004).
14. "Necessary Being in Ibn Si>na's Constitution of Being," International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (New York City, New York: Fordham University), October 31-November 2, 2003.
15. "Ibn 'Arabi's Notion of Self-Disclosure: A S}u>fic Perspective on Conflict Resolution," *Second Annual Conference on Conflict Resolution: Religion, Diplomacy and Peace* (New York City, New York: Foundation for Interreligious Diplomacy), March 29-30, 2003.
16. "The Ethics of Responsibility in Indonesian Context," International Congress of Asian and North African Studies (Montreal, Quebec: ICANAS), April 2002.
17. "Fakhr al-Di>n Ra>zi's Philosophical Theology," *19th Annual Conference on Global and Multicultural Dimensions of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Social Thought* (Binghamton, New York: Institute of Global Cultural Studies), October 27, 28, and 29, 2000.
18. "Avicenna and Heidegger on the Question of Being," *18th Annual Conference on Global and Multicultural Dimensions of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Social Thought* (Binghamton, New York: Institute of Global Cultural Studies), October 22-24, 1999.
19. "Fakhr al-Di>n al-Ra>zi's Sources of Ta'wi>l: Between Reason and Revelation," *16th Annual Conference on Global and Multicultural Dimensions of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Social Thought* (Binghamton, New York: Institute of Global Cultural Studies), October 24-26, 1997.
20. "A Comparison of Sayyid Qut}b and Bint al-Sha>t}i's Methods in Interpreting the Qur'a>n," *ICMI Discussion* (Montreal, Canada), 1997.
21. "Pembaruan Pendidikan di Pesantren [Innovations in Islamic Boarding Schools]," *PMII Cirebon* (Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia), 1992.

22. "Pemikiran Politik Abu'l A'la al-Mawdudi: Studi Pendahuluan [Abu'l A'la al-Mawdu>di's Political Thoughts: A Preliminary Study]," *PMII Cirebon* (Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia), 1991.

GUEST LECTURES:

1. "Islam's Basic Principles." *Class Presentation with Lehigh Valley Religious Leaders*. Bethlehem, Lehigh University: February 20, 2008.
2. "Islam And Peace." *Class Presentation with Lehigh Valley Religious Leaders*. Bethlehem, Lehigh University: October 24, 2007.
3. "Dynamic Roots of Islam's Compatibility in a Multicultural Setting." *Public Lecture*. Bethlehem, Barnes and Noble: March 27, 2007.
4. "Is Islam Compatible with American Values?" *Class Presentation with Lehigh Valley Religious Leaders*. Bethlehem, Lehigh University: March 15, 2007.
5. "Shari'ah in the West." *Class Presentation*. Milwaukee, Marquette University: April 24, 2007.
6. "Islamic Ground for Multiculturalism." *Public Lecture*. Milwaukee, Marquette University: April 23, 2007.
7. "The Contextualization of the Qur'an." *Lecture*. Northampton Community College, Monroe, Pennsylvania: December 8, 2007.
8. "How Rigid is Islamic Culture? The Dialectic of the One and the Many." *Lecture*. Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: October 19, 2006.
9. "The Qur'an in the Mind of Indonesian Muslims." *Lecture*. Lafayette College, Easton, PA; September 21, 2005.

SPEECHES:

1. "Muslim Contextual Understanding of the Qur'an." *Episcopal Diocese*. Rochester: November 2, 2007.
2. "Islamic View on Pluralism." *Feast of Pentecost: Pluralism Sunday*. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Penn Yann: May 27, 2007.
3. "The Celebration of the Successful," *Id al-Fitr Celebration* (Muslim Association of Lehigh Valley [MALV]; Whitehall; October 23, 2006).
4. "Muhammad in the Life of Muslims," MALV Open House, *Explore the Life of Prophet Muhammad* (Muslim Association of Lehigh Valley: April 8, 2006).
5. "In the Name of God or in the Name of Freedom?," Panel Discussion, *Media Mockery: Religion, Freedom of Speech and the Power of the Press*" (DeSale University, Central Valley: March 14, 2006).
6. "Respect for the Prophet," Discussion Forum for Indonesian Muslims (Mecca Mosque, Philadelphia: February 17, 2006).
7. "Balancing the Power in Muslim Family," Lecture (Maryland: February 4, 2006).
8. "On the Significance of the Qur'an," Discussion Forum for Indonesian Muslims (Indonesian Embassy, Washington, DC: October 29, 2005).

9. "Praxis of Globalization and Conflict Resolution," *A Dialogue Between the Disciplines: Diplomacy, Philosophy, Higher Education and Religion* (New York: October 15, 2005).
10. "The Implementation of the Message of Muhammad's Ascension," *Ascension Festival* (Masjid al-Hikmah, New York City; 12 September 2004).
11. "The Meaning of the Qur'a>n in Muslim Life," *Ramad}an Festival* (Indonesian Embassy, Ottawa, Canada), 1998.
12. "The Contextualization of Islam" (Indonesian Muslim Association in America [Imam]; Washington D.C; September 11, 2005).
13. "Islamic Studies in the West" (Mubarakiyyah Latifyyah Institute for Islamic Studies, Tasikmalaya, West Java, July 9, 2005).
14. "Graduate Studies at McGill University and Binghamton University" (State Institute for Islamic Studies, Bandung, July 6, 2005).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. "Indonesian Community in New York City." Television Interview. New York City: August 17, 2007. To be aired at Ebru TV in the Fall of 2007.
2. "Is Religion Killing Us?" Leading a Discussion Forum. Faculty Colloquium on Religion and Violence. Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: January 16, 2007.
3. "Sunnite-Shi'ite Division." Radio Interview. *Voice of America*. Washington, DC: Broadcasted Live on Indonesian Radio Network, March 1, 2006.
4. "Cartoon Controversy." *Morning Call*. Interview. Published on February 11, 2006.
5. "Interfaith Thanksgiving: Islamic Prayer." *Multifaith Council*. Moravian College, November 16, 2005.
6. "American Understanding of the Qur'an." Television Interview. *Voice of America*. Washington, DC: Broadcasted Live on Metro TV, Jakarta, October 23, 2005.

ORGANIZING CONFERENCE OR SPEECH

1. Conference co-organizer. *Translating Islam in the Multicultural World*. State Islamic University, Bandung, Indonesia: November 7-10, 2006.
2. Speech organizer. *Islam's Portrayal of Other Religions*. Moravian College, Bethlehem: April 5, 2006.
3. Conference co-organizer for Islamic panels. *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*. Fordham University, New York City: October 14-16, 2005 and October 20-22, 2006.
4. Speech Organizer. *Islam in the African American Experience*. Moravian College, November 15, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

1. American Academy of Religion (AAR), member.
2. American Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), member.
3. American Philosophical Association (APA), member.
4. Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences (SSIPS), member.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

1. English : fluent
2. Indonesian : fluent
3. Arabic : fluent
4. French : reading