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Education

PhD Candidate in Religious Studies (5th Year of Program)

University of Toronto Toronto Ontario

Areas of Focus: Islamic history, Islamic Law and Legal Theory (*uṣūl al-fiqh*).

- Dissertation Subject: The Use of *Uṣūl al-Fiqh* in Disputation in Classical Islamic Law.
- General Examinations:
Specialization: "The History of *Uṣūl al-Fiqh* (Legal Theory)."
Cognate: "The Anthropology of Islam."

M.A. Political Science and Cultural, Social, and Political Thought (2009)

University of Victoria Victoria British Columbia

Areas of Focus: Aristotelian Ethics, Talal Asad, and Liberalism; Islam and Multiculturalism.

B.A. Double Honours in History and Political Studies (2007)

University of Manitoba Winnipeg Manitoba

Fellowships

Jackman Humanities Institute

University of Toronto
September 2014-July 2015

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

University of Victoria
September 2008-August 2009

Publications

"The Historiography of Usul al-Fiqh." In *The Oxford Handbook on Islamic Law*, edited by A. Emon, R. Ahmed, and K. Stilt. Oxford: Oxford University Press (Forthcoming).

"Muslims in Canada: A Rocky Road Ahead?" In *Religion and Citizenship in Canada: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities*, edited by Paul Bramadat. A Report Prepared for Citizenship and Immigration Canada by the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, 2011.

Some Awards

- * **CGS Joseph-Armand Bombardier SSHRC Scholarship** (September 2011-August 2014)
- * **SSHRC MA Fellowship** (September 2007- August 2008)
- * **Shastri Institute Best Undergraduate Essay Prize** (2006)

Teaching

Instructor

POL 3121: The Arab Spring Uprising

The University of Winnipeg (September 2013-December 2013)

Teaching Assistant

RLG 204Y1: Islam

University of Toronto (September 2012-April 2013; January 2011-April 2011)

Teaching Assistant

RLG 100Y1: World Religions

University of Toronto (September 2011-Apr 2012)

Teaching Assistant

RLG 350H1: Life of Muhammad

University of Toronto (September 2011-December 2011)

Research Assistantships

Research Assistant to Professor James Tully

Research: Muslim Responses to Colonialism

University of Victoria Victoria B.C. (September 2008 to January 2009)

Research Assistant to Assistant Professor Ravindiran Vaitheespara

Research: Early Muslim Presence in India

University of Manitoba Winnipeg Manitoba (May 2006-August 2006)

Editorial Work

**Illumine: Journal for the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society*

(September 2008 to August 2009).

Conference Papers

"Why Two Heads are Better than One: The Function of the Juristic Disputation in Islamic Law
Department of Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Toronto, (Oct 2014)

"Self-Cultivation and the Anthropology of Islam: A Response to Schielke." *Mcgill Institute of Islamic Studies 2013 Graduate Student Conference (May 2013).*

"Tariq Ramadan and Talal Asad: The Philosophy of Islamic Reform" *Middle Eastern and Islamic Consortium of BC - 2009 Student Conference, Simon Frasier University (May 2009).*

Youcef Soufi Academic CV

"Islam and Modernity: Between Teleology and Identity," *Centre for the Study of Religion and Society Public Lecture Series*, University of Victoria (Feb 2009).

"A Subtle Conversion: Muslims and Modernity in Colonial India," *Fort Garry Lecture Series*, University of Manitoba (May 2007).