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Education:

University of Pennsylvania:

Ph.D., philosophy, Spring 2000

Ph.D. diss.: *Time and Time Again: A Study of Aristotle and Ibn Sînâ's Temporal Theories*

M.A., philosophy, 1994

University of North Texas:

M.A., history, 1991

Master's Thesis: *Luther the Augustinian: Augustine, Pelagianism and Luther's Philosophy of Man*, 1991

B.A., philosophy and history, 1989 with honors, *cum laude*

Article, Book Chapter and Review Essays:

Interpreting Avicenna: Science and Philosophy in Medieval Islam, Proceedings of the Second Annual Symposium of the Avicenna Study Group, ed. J. McGinnis (Brill, forthcoming).

"Occasionalism, Natural Causation and Science in al-Ghazâlî" in *Occasional Papers of the School of 'Abbasid Studies*, issue dedicated to Richard Frank, 5 (forthcoming).

"Time and Temporality in Avicenna" chapter in *Philosophical Cosmology in Islamic Thought*, ed. T. Kukkonen (RoutledgeCurzon Press, forthcoming).

Essay length review of Charles Genequand, *Alexander of Aphrodisias on the Cosmos* (*Journal of the American Oriental Society*, forthcoming).

"Making Time Aristotle's Way" (*Apeiron*, June 2003): 159-185.

"Atomic Time and Continuous Time in Medieval Islam" in *Time, Space and Motion in Islam*, ed. Habib U. Ahmed (Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 2003).

"On the Moment of Substantial Change: A Vexed Question in the History of Ideas," *Interpreting Avicenna: Science and Philosophy in Medieval Islam, Proceedings of the Second Annual Symposium of the Avicenna Study Group*, ed. J. McGinnis (Brill, forthcoming).

"The Topology of Time: An Analysis of Medieval Islamic Accounts of Discrete and Continuous Time" (*The Modern Schoolman*, November 2003): 5-25.

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“Scientific Methodologies in Medieval Islam: Induction and Experimentation in the Philosophy of Ibn Sîna” (*Journal of the History of Philosophy*, July 2003): 307-327.

“For Every Time There Is a Season: John Philoponus on Plato’s and Aristotle’s Conception of Time” (*KronoScope*, 2003): 83-111.

“The Relation between Essence Possibility and Matter in the Philosophy of Ibn Sîna” (*The Journal for Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, forthcoming).

“The Eternity of the World: Proofs and Problems in Aristotle, Ibn Sîna and Aquinas” (*Medieval Philosophy and Theology*, forthcoming).

Translation of and commentary on Proclus’ first argument for the eternity of the world, in H. Lang’s and A.D. Macro’s *Proclus’ De Aeternitate Mundi* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001).

“al-Kindî,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, Macmillan Reference, USA (Forthcoming).

“Ibn Sîna on the Now: Text and Commentary,” the *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 78 (1999): 73-106.

“Aristotle on the Soul: Texts and Traditions” catalogue from an exhibit for the University of Pennsylvania special collections at the Van Pelt Library, 1994.

Book Reviews:

Review of Kiki Kennedy-Day’s *Books of Definition in Islamic Philosophy*, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, forthcoming.

Review of eds. S.H. Nasr’s and O. Leaman’s *History of Islamic Philosophy*, 2 vols., *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 122 (2002): 855-856.

Review of Jules Janssens’ *An Annotated Bibliography on Ibn Sîna: First Supplement (1990-1994)*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121 (3) (July-September 2001): 535-536.

Review of Rüdiger Arnzen’s *Aristoteles’ De Anima. Eine verlorene spätantike Paraphrase in arabischer & . persischer Überlieferung*, *ISIS* 92 (2001): 381-382.

Review of John Walbridge’s *The Leaven of the Ancients: Suhrawardî and the Heritage of the Greeks*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121 (4) (October-December 2001): 729-730.

Colloquia:

“Puzzling Times: Understanding Aristotle’s Temporal *Aporiai*,” Conference of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, October 2003.

“On the Possibility of Discovering Causal Powers: Avicenna’s Account of Experimentation and the Asharite Challenge,” 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo MI, May 2003.

“The Interface of Physics and Biology in the Philosophy of Ibn Sîna, or Why a Good Physicist Knows His Biology,” American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Nashville TN, April 2003.

“Creation, Religion and Science in Classical Islamic Philosophy,” Michigan State University’s Islamic Philosophy Speaker Series, East Lansing MI, March 2003 (Invited Paper).

“Biology Matters: The Role of Matter in the Biology of Ibn Sîna,” International Conference on Patristic, Mediaeval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova PA, September 2002.

“On the Moment of Substantial Change: A Vexed Question in the History of Ideas,” World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies, Mainz, Germany, September 2002.

“For Every Time There Is a Season: John Philoponus on Plato and Aristotle’s Conception of Time,” Time and Temporality in the Ancient World Conference, University of Pennsylvania, April 2002 (Invited Paper).

“Fixing Motion: A Study of Ibn Sîna’s Definition of Motion,” American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, March 2002.

“The Relation between Matter, The Possible in Itself and Essences in the Philosophy of Ibn Sîna,” International Conference on Patristic, Mediaeval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova PA, October 2001.

“Ibn Sîna on Experimentation: Providing a Philosophical Foundation for a Methodology of Scientific Inquiry,” Islamicate Philosophy Conference, University of Chicago, April 2001.

“The Avicennian Critique of Aristotelian Induction,” American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, April 2001.

“Rethinking Time: Philoponus, Plato and Aristotle and the Nature of Time,” International Conference on Patristic, Mediaeval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova PA, October 2000.

“Temporal Atomism and the Continuity of Time in Ibn Sîna,” First International Conference on the Heritage of Islamic Thought and Sciences: Time and Space in Islam, Chicago IL, July 2000.

“Atomic Time and the Avicennian Critique,” American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Portland OR, March 2000.

“The Critique of Aristotelian Induction in Ibn Sîna,” International Conference on Patristic, Mediaeval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova PA, October 1999.

“Ibn Sîna and the Paradox of the Changing Now,” American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore MD, March 1999.

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“The Eternity of the World: Proofs and Problems in Aristotle, Aquinas and Ibn Sînâ,” American Academy of Religion, Southwest Regional Conference, Irving TX, March 1999.

“Aristotle’s Method of Scientific Investigation and Beyond,” Boston Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Boston MA, September 1998 (Invited Paper).

“Aristotle’s Arithmetic and the Theory of Time,” Rutgers’ Graduate Student Conference, 1997

"Augustine on Theodicy," Southwestern Social Science Conference, San Antonio, 1990

Exhibit:

“Aristotle on the Soul: Texts and Traditions” exhibit for the University of Pennsylvania special collections at the Van Pelt Library, 1994

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships:

NEH Fellowship, 2004-2005.

University of Missouri, Research Board 2003-2004.

NEH Summer Stipend, Sum. 2003

UMSL Research Award, Sum. 2001, 2002 and Spr. 2003 (I declined the last)

Fellow in the Center for International Studies, UMSL (2001-2004)

SAS Dissertation Fellow, 1997-98

Fulbright Grant, 1995-96

Gerald Quinn Scholarship, for Greek studies at CUNY, Sum. 1995

Dean's Scholar at Univ. of Penna., 1995-96

Visiting Fellow at Harvard Univ. in the History of Science Dept., Spr. 1995

Van Pelt Special Collections Library Fellowship, 1994-5

Foreign Language Area Study Fellowship, 1991-94

Languages:

English

French

German

Classical Greek

Latin

Arabic