

**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D 2008. University of Washington, Department of Political Science.  
Dissertation: The Politics of Islamic Law: Elites and Authority in Colonial Malaya, India and Egypt.  
Fields: Public Law, Comparative Politics and Comparative Islam.  
Committee: Michael McCann, Joel Migdal (co-chairs); Ellis Goldberg, Daniel Lev.
- M.A. 2000. Harvard University, Middle Eastern Studies.
- B.A. 2000. Harvard University, Social Studies (Magna cum Laude).  
Thesis: Re-enchanting Politics: The Case of HAMAS in Palestine.

**RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS**

Comparative Politics: Institutional evolution, elites and authority, state-society relations.  
Law and Society: Comparative law, religion-law interactions, Islamic law.  
Middle Eastern/Southeast Asian Studies: Global Islamic networks, legal reform, local activism.

**AWARDS**

- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2007.  
Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship (Woodrow Wilson Foundation) 2007.  
Asia Research Institute (Singapore) Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2007: Religion and Globalisation.  
Mellon/CLIR Doctoral Fellow 2006. The Making of Islamic Law: Local Elites and Colonial Authority in Malaya.  
National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant 2006. The Politics of Islamic Law: Authority and Negotiation in the Colonial State.  
University of London/Mellon Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies, 2006. The Making of Islamic Law: Local Elites and Colonial Authority in Malaya.  
University of Washington Center for Law and Society Studies Fellow 2005-.  
Stuart Scheingold Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Public Law 2005.  
J. Allen Smith Fellowship 2003. University of Washington Top Scholar Award 2003-2004.  
Fellow, Institute for Public Humanities 2003.  
Rhodes Scholar Finalist, 2000.  
Harvard College/Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Awards, 1996-1998.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- "Muslim Personal Status Law in South and Southeast Asia," *Oxford Encyclopedia of International Legal History*. New York: Oxford University Press 2008.
- "Reorienting Orientalism: Review," *Asian Journal of Political Science*, Summer 2008.
- "The Making of Islamic Law: Local Elites and Colonial Authority in British Malaya," in Thomas Dubois, ed. *Casting Faiths: Technology and the Creation of Religion in East and Southeast Asia*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2008.
- "The Pursuit of the Perak Regalia: Law and the Making of the Colonial State," *Law and Social Inquiry* 32:3 (2007).
- "Islam and the Challenge of Interfaith Activism," *Episcopal Divinity School Occasional Paper* (8), Winter 2002.
- "Islamic Law and the Postcolonial Muslim World: Issues of Reform," *15 University of Durham Law Review* 48 (2000).

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- Law and Society Association, May 2008. Paper, invited discussant: "Circulations of Law."
- Association of Asian Studies, April 2008. Paper presenter/organiser: "The Politics of Syariah."
- World Justice Project Scholars Workshop, Yale University March 2008. "How Does Law Travel?"
- American Political Science Association, August 2007. "The Politics of Islamic Law."
- Joint Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, July 2007. Panel organiser, paper presenter: "Indian Ocean Networks and the Transformation of Islamic Law."
- Law and Society Association, June 2006. How Does Law Travel? Panel organiser, paper presenter: "Negotiated States: Local Elites, Colonial Authority and the Construction of Islamic Law."
- Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, July 2005. "Personal Status: Islam and the Negotiation of Authority in the Colonial State."
- Islam, Asia, Modernity Conference: University of Washington, April 2005. Islam, Law, Asia: Pedagogy and Syllabus Workshop.
- Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, October 2004. "The Pursuit of the Perak Regalia."
- International Studies Association, June 2004. "Islam, Law and the Politics of Dissent in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia."
- Yale Law School: Critical Islamic Studies, April 2004. "Personal Status: Authority, Jurisdiction and the Negotiation of Law in the Colonial State."
- American Association for the Anthropology of Religion/American Ethnological Society, 2003. "Gender and the Politics of Worship Space: The Case of the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center."
- Harvard University Pluralism Project, Winter 2003. "Gender and the Politics of Worship Space in Islam."

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Islam and the Indian Ocean World. National University of Singapore, 2008.  
Islamic Education. With Professor Robert Hefner. National Univ. of Singapore, 2008.  
Law, Society and Islam. National University of Singapore, 2007.  
Comparative Courts. University of Washington Department of Political Science/Law, Societies and Justice Program, 2004-2005.  
Muslims and National Politics in Europe. University of Washington Department of Political Science/Scandinavian Studies, Spring 2004.  
Global Politics and Muslims in the United States and Europe. Dartmouth College, Spring 2002.  
Islam and Muslim Politics in Singapore. Stanford University, Winter 2001.  
Islam and the Politics of Interfaith Activism. Episcopal Divinity School, Fall 2001; Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire Winter 2001.

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Introduction to Law and Society.  
Comparative Politics and Law.  
Comparative Legal Institutions.  
God's Law: Religion, Politics and the State.  
Gender and Law in the Muslim World.  
Law, Politics and Social Change in the Developing World.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Law and Society Association International Research Collaborative Member 2006-: South Asian Legal History.  
Research Assistant, Professor Michael McCann. 2004.  
Advisory Council Member, Open House. Israeli-Palestinian community center. 2001-.  
Committee Member, Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences International Studies Committee.  
By invitation of FAS Dean, 2000.  
Research Intern, Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 1998/1999.  
Founding member, Harvard University Woodbridge Society International Speaker Series, 1998.  
Chair, Harvard University Prisoner Education Program. 1997-1999.