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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Professor of Law (Adjunct), New York University School of Law, New York, New York: Since 2018. Islamic Jurisprudence.

Affiliated Faculty, George Mason University Global Education Office, Fairfax, Virginia: Since 2018. Slavery, Human Trafficking and the Law (in Zanzibar, Tanzania).

Professor of Law Emeritus, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey: Full-time Professor from July 1979 to June 2016. Evidence; Professional Responsibility; Civil Rights; Criminal Law; Jurisprudence; Prisoners' Rights; Post-Conviction Remedies; Islamic Jurisprudence; Legal Implications of the recent Middle East Revolutions; Law in the Modern Middle East; Slavery, Human Trafficking and the Law; Children, Family and the State; Lectures on special topics in Comparative Law.

Director, Program for the Study of Law in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt and Amman, Jordan: Sept. 1996 –June 2016. Founded, organized and directed the only American Bar Association-approved study abroad programs in the Arabic-speaking Middle East; eighteen-year program in Cairo, Egypt, based at the American University in Cairo, involved 10-25 law students and 3 faculty members each summer and offered courses in Islamic Jurisprudence, Comparative Law, International Criminal Law, Admiralty and Maritime Law, International Oil and Gas Law, International Human Rights, and International Trade; more recent program in Amman, Jordan, involved 10-12 law students and 3 faculty members, and offered courses in Comparative Legal Traditions, Islamic Banking and Finance, Law in the Modern Middle East, Islamic Jurisprudence, and International Oil and Gas Law.

Director, Zanzibar Winter Intersession Program on Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking, Zanzibar, Tanzania: January 2007-June 2016. Founded, organized, and directed unique American Bar Association-approved study abroad program in Zanzibar, Tanzania; the program was the first of its kind and the only study abroad program focusing on human trafficking and modern-day slavery; involving 30-40 students, three faculty members, and prominent judges and practitioners involved in anti-trafficking initiatives.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont'd):

Director, The Center for Social Justice, Seton Hall University School of Law; Newark, New Jersey: July 1982 to June 1993. Management and coordination of Law School's six clinical programs, the Pro Bono Service Program and the Affordable Housing Colloquium, all funded since 1991 by a \$5.3 million endowment established by the United States Congress and involving over 150 students each semester, 15 full time lawyers and a large paraprofessional support staff; endowment now exceeds \$13 million.

Professor of Law (Visiting); Washington and Lee University School of Law; Lexington, Virginia: August 1998 to December 1998. Evidence and Professional Responsibility.

Associate Professor of Law (Visiting); Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi; Nairobi, Kenya: August 1985 to June 1987. Torts, Legal Systems and Methods, Principles of Management for Engineers (Torts/Contracts/Professional Liability).

Clinical Lecturer, Rutgers, The State University, School of Law; Newark, New Jersey: August 1976 to June 1979. Instruction and supervision of third year students in litigation on behalf of indigents under student practice rule.

Project Director, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey; Newark, New Jersey: Nov. 1974 to August 1976. Civil liberties litigation on behalf of under-represented residents of Northern New Jersey.

Staff Attorney, Essex County Legal Services; Orange, New Jersey: June 1974 to November 1974. General civil litigation.

EDUCATION:

J.S.D., 2007, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York: Dissertation Advisor: Professor George P. Fletcher (Columbia University); Committee Members: Professors Lawrence Rosen (Princeton University) and Brinkley Messick (Columbia University); Dissertation Topic: "Conceptions of Equality and Slavery in Islamic Law: Tribalism, Piety, and Pluralism"

LL.M., 2002, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York: LL.M Thesis: "The Ulama and the Abolition of Slavery in Nineteenth Century Egypt: Pristine Islam and Law Reform"

J.D., 1974, RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Newark, New Jersey.

B.A., Anthropology, 1970, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, Connecticut.

BOOKS & ARTICLES:

Books and Book Chapters:

Possessed by the Right Hand: The Problem of Slavery in Islamic Law and Muslim Cultures. A comprehensive legal history of slavery and efforts at abolition in the Muslim world, primarily focusing on the Indian Ocean region and Eurasia. The book argues that Muslims currently labor under an “illusion of abolition” and that there is now an urgent need to accomplish true abolition under Islamic law (Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2019);

“Slavery and Society in East Africa, Oman and the Persian Gulf,” book chapter in *What is a Slave Society? The Practice of Slavery in Global Perspective*, a collection of essays on the viability of Moses I Finley’s definitions of slavery and slave societies, as applied both in history and in contemporary times (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2018) (Noel Lenski and Catherine M. Cameron, eds.);

Indian Ocean Slavery in the Age of Abolition, a collection of 13 essays on historical and contemporary slavery, the slave trades, and abolition in the Indian Ocean world (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2013) (Robert W. Harms, Bernard K. Freamon and David W. Blight, eds.);

“Straight, No Chaser: Slavery, Abolition and Modern Islamic Thought,” book chapter in *Indian Ocean Slavery in the Age of Abolition* (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2013) (Robert Harms, Bernard K. Freamon, and David W. Blight, eds.);

“Definitions and Conceptions of Slave Ownership in Islamic Law,” book chapter in *The Legal Understanding of Slavery: From the Historical to the Contemporary* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012) (Jean Allain, ed.);

“Islamic Law and Trafficking in Women and Children in the Indian Ocean World,” book chapter in *Trafficking in Slavery’s Wake: Law and the Experience of Women and Children in Africa* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2012) (Benjamin N. Lawrance and Richard L. Roberts, eds.);

“The Emergence of a New Qur’anic Hermeneutic and The Role and Impact of Universities in West and East,” book chapter in *The Law Applied: Contextualizing the Islamic Shari’a: a volume in honor of Frank E. Vogel* (London; New York: I. B. Taurus, 2008) (Peri Bearman, Wolfhart Heinrichs and Bernard G. Weiss, eds.);

"Action Research for Justice in Newark, N.J." in *Educating for Justice: Social Values and Legal Education*, (Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate, 1997) (Jeremy Cooper and Louise Trubek, eds.);

Evidence: Cases and Problems, 2nd Edition, (Norcross, Ga.: Harrison, 1995) (with Bracy, Raitt, Bodensteiner, and Klebba).

Articles:

“Are the Persian Gulf city-states slave societies?” essay in *Aeon Essays*, published on January 22, 2021 at: <https://aeon.co/essays/are-the-persian-gulf-city-states-slave-societies>;

“Toward the Abolition of Slavery under the Aegis of Islamic Law,” posted in *The Comparative Jurist*, William and Mary Law School’s international and comparative law blog, published in May 1, 2020 and appearing at: <https://comparativejurist.org/2020/05/01/toward-the-abolition-of-slavery-under-the-aegis-of-islamic-law/>;

“ISIS, Boko Haram, and the Human Right to Freedom from Slavery under Islamic Law,” 39 *Fordham International Law Journal* 245 (2015);

“Some Reflection on Post-Enlightenment Qur’anic Hermeneutics,” 2006 *Michigan State Law Review* 1403 (2008);

“The Origins of the Anti-Segregation Clause in the New Jersey Constitution,” 35 *Rutgers Law Journal* 1267 (2004);

“Martyrdom, Suicide, and the Islamic Law of War: A Short Legal History,” 27 *Fordham International Law Journal* 299 (2003);

“Slavery, Freedom and the Doctrine of Consensus in Islamic Jurisprudence,” 11 *Harvard Human Rights Journal* 1 (1998);

"A Blueprint for a Center for Social Justice," 22 *Seton Hall Law Rev.* 1225(1992);

"Public Censure for Bigoted Speech: A New Perspective," in "Crossfire-- Censure and the Academic Community" 1 *Seton Hall Const. L.J.* 5 (1989);

"Peer Review Physicians and the State Action Exemption: Are they Protected When They Act in Bad Faith?" 9 *Preview of U.S. Sup. Ct. Cases* 247 (1988);

"A Review of the Rights of Terminally Ill Patients" (with Linda Mehling), 1 *Yale L. & Pol'y Rev.* 80 (1982);

"Death with Dignity Laws: A Plea for Uniform Legislation" 5 *Seton Hall Legis. J.* 105 (1982).

Encyclopedia Entries and On-Line Reviews:

“Slavery and Islam, written by Jonathan A.C. Brown,” review of Jonathan A.C. Brown, *Slavery and Islam* (London: Oneworld academic, 2019) in *Journal of Islamic Ethics* 4, (2020): 1-5. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/24685542-12340037>.

Encyclopedia Entries and On-Line Reviews (con't):

“Slavery,” in *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013) (Gerhard Bowering, Patricia Crone, Mahan Mirza, et al., eds.)

“Ideological Origins of Antislavery Thought,” in 1 *Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*, pp. 345-357 (Westport, Conn. and London, U.K.: Greenwood Press) (2007);

“Qur’an and Antislavery,” in 2 *Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*, pp.555-560 (Westport, Conn., and London, U.K.: Greenwood Press, 2007);

“An Optimistic Democrat,” review of “After Jihad” by Noah Feldman (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, New York, 2003) at <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=245321058076891>;

“A Primer in Islamic Law,” a review of Laleh Bakhtiar’s *Encyclopedia of Islamic Law: A Compendium of the Major Schools* (Kazi Publications, Chicago, 1995) at <http://www2.hnet.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=20083952036279>.

WEBSITE:

<http://ijma-on-slavery.org>. The website seeks to collect opinions of competent Islamic scholars on the question of the legality of slavery under the aegis of Islamic law and, should there be unanimous agreement (an *ijmāʿ*) among such scholars, it seeks to enable these scholars to issue a statement recognizing an *ijmāʿ* and declaring that slavery and slave trading are illegal under Islamic law and therefore abolished. It will then seek to disseminate the fact of the *ijmāʿ* worldwide. If there is not a unanimous consensus, as is required for an *ijmāʿ* in the jurisprudence, the website will serve as a forum for dialogue and discourse on the issue, with the goal of reaching a unanimous consensus.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Member, Editorial Board, New Jersey Law Journal, 1989-Present;

Elected member, American Law Institute, Philadelphia, PA., 2010-Present;

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (con't):

Co-convener, 2008 Conference on “The Teaching of Islamic Law in American Law Schools,” sponsored by The Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School;

Chairperson, Section on Islamic Law of the Association of American Law Schools 2007 – 2008;

Chairperson, Section on Africa of the Association of American Law Schools, 2003 – 2004;

Trustee, American Civil Liberties Union of N.J., 1992-2008;

Various national, state, local, and specialty bar associations;

AWARDS & HONORS:

June 2013: Alfred C. Clapp Award for Excellence in Editorial Writing; awarded by the publisher and editorial board of the New Jersey Law Journal;

March 2010 – Elected to Membership in the American Law Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.;

Fall 2007 – Postdoctoral Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.;

1999-2000 - Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship in Legal History; New York University School of Law;

1999 - Dean’s Fellowship; Seton Hall Law School;

1993 - Special Student; Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, Cairo, Egypt;

1991 - Professor of the Year; Awarded by Student Bar Association, Seton Hall University School of Law;

1978 - Outstanding Rutgers Law School Faculty Member; Awarded by the Association of Black Law Students at Rutgers Law School;

1974 - J. Skelly Wright Prize in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; Awarded by Rutgers Law School Faculty;

1969 - Summer Study Award (Algeria); African-American Institute, Wesleyan University;

**SIGNIFICANT
LITIGATION:**

Of Counsel, Briefed, and Argued Williams v. State, 251 Ga. 749, 312 S.E.2d 40 (1983) (The Atlanta Child Murders Case) (Lynn Whatley, Esq., of the Georgia Bar, Counsel of Record);

Counsel of Record in a number of argued matters, resulting in published appellate and trial court opinions, including:

Middlesex County Ethics Committee v. Garden State Bar Association, 457 U.S. 423 (1982) (U.S. Supreme Court established rule of federal court abstention in state-initiated lawyer discipline cases);

Board of Education of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs v. Board of Education of the City of Englewood v. Board of Education of Borough of Tenafly, 170 N.J. 323 (2002)(Amicus brief on behalf National Office of NAACP)(New Jersey Supreme Court mandates that State Department of Education has primary responsibility to remedy unconstitutional school segregation in public high schools);

In re Ravich, et. al., 155 N.J. 357 (1998) (New Jersey Supreme Court established standards for evaluation of client solicitation allegations in mass-disaster cases.

Board of Education of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs v. Board of Education of City of Englewood v. Board of Education of Borough of Tenafly and A.S., R.S., Intervenor, 132 N.J. 327 (1993)(Amicus Brief on behalf of National Office of NAACP)(N.J. Supreme Court affirmed administrative decision ordering inter-district remedies to combat racial segregation in public high schools);

In re Hinds, 90 N.J. 604, 449 A.2d 483 (1982)(N.J. Supreme Court recognized first amendment defense in certain lawyer discipline cases and *sua sponte* amended the disciplinary rule to permit such defenses to be raised)(companion to 457 U.S. 423 (1982));

Delgado v. Newark, 165 N.J. Super. 477, 398 A.2d 604 (Law Div. 1979) (Superior Court held that cause of action against City for police misconduct under federal civil rights acts is cognizable in state court, even where some police officers are unidentifiable).

PERSONAL DATA:

Date of Birth: June 18, 1947

Health: Good

References furnished upon request.