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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Chair of the Department of Political Science, Wellesley College, present position

Ralph Emerson and Alice Freeman Palmer Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Wellesley College, present position

Courses include Introduction to Political Science, Issues in Political Theory, Power and Politics, Feminist Political Theory, Islamic and Western Political Thought, Ancient and Medieval Political Theory, Modern Political Theory, and Contemporary Political Theory.

Jane Bishop '51 Associate Professor of Political Science, 2004-2007

Assistant Professor, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia. 1995-1997

Undergraduate Courses and Graduate Seminars include Introduction to Political Theory, Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, Modern Political Theory, The Politics of Fundamentalism, Politics and Ethics

EDUCATION:

Princeton University: Princeton, NJ. Ph.D. Department of Politics and Program in Near Eastern Studies (1995)

Georgetown University: Washington D.C. Arabic Language Institute, summer 1990

Middlebury College: Middlebury, VT. Arabic Summer Language Program, 1989

Wesleyan University: Middletown, CT. B.A. Philosophy Major (1988). Honors in Philosophy, *Phi Beta Kappa*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH AREAS:

Comparative Political Theory: The comparative study of Western and non-Western political and social thought, with a particular emphasis on Islamic political thought (classical, modernist, Islamist), Muslim feminist thought and Arab intellectual history.

Political Theory: History of Euro-American political thought (ancient, modern, contemporary), contemporary social thought (post-modernism, critical theory, feminist theory)

Middle Eastern and North African Politics: Colonial and postcolonial history and politics of Middle Eastern and North African countries

ACADEMIC AWARDS:

Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award for 2005, French Politics Group of the American Political Science Association

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship, Harvard University, 2004-2005

Pinanski Teaching Prize, Wellesley College, May 2003

Andrew Mellon Senior Faculty Development Grant, Wellesley College, 2002

Foundations of Political Theory First Book Award, Honorable Mention: *Enemy in the Mirror*, American Political Science Association, 2000-2001

American Council of Learned Societies/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship, 2000-2001

Visiting Scholar Research Appointment, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University 2000-2001

Excellence in Teaching Award, University of South Carolina Mortar Board (Honor Society), 1996

Research and Productive Scholarship Award, University of South Carolina, 1996

Princeton Wilson Fellowship, Princeton Society of Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Princeton, 1993-95

Graduate Prize Fellowship, the University Center for Human Values, Princeton, 1992-93

PUBLICATIONS:

Princeton Readings in Islamist Thought: Texts and Contexts from Al-Banna to Bin Laden, with Muhammad Qasim Zaman, Princeton University Press, forthcoming

Journeys to the Other Shore: Muslim and Western Travelers in Search of Knowledge, Princeton University Press, 2006

Enemy in the Mirror: Islamic Fundamentalism and the Limits of Modern Rationalism, Princeton University Press, 1999

“Cosmopolitanisms Past and Present, Muslim and Western,” in *Islam and Theory of Statecraft: Mirror for the Muslim Prince*, ed. Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Syracuse University Press, forthcoming

“Extracting ‘Gold’ from Paris: A 19th-century Egyptian Journey in Search of Knowledge,” in *Changing Conceptions of the ‘Other’: Travel Writing in the Mediterranean from the Ancient World to Contemporary Society*, ed. Silvia Ross, Pat Crowley and Noreen Humble, Legenda Press (European Humanities Research Centre, Oxford University), forthcoming

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

- “Fundamentalism,” *The Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, Princeton University Press, forthcoming
- “Comparative Political Theory,” *The Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, Sage Publications, forthcoming
- Review Symposium: Understanding Suicide Terror, *Perspectives on Politics* 5(1), March 2007: 129-133
- “Changing Interpretations of Modern and Contemporary Islamic Political Theory,” in *Oxford Handbook of Political Theory*, ed. John Dryzek, Bonnie Honig and Anne Phillips, Oxford University Press, 2006, pp. 297-313
- “Traveling Theorists and Translating Practices,” in *What is Political Theory?*, ed. Stephen K. White and J. Donald Moon, Sage Publications, 2004, pp. 145-173
- “The Comparative Politics of Travel,” *parallax* 9 (2003): 18-28
- “West’s Lessons in Decadence Fuel the Making of a Martyr,” *The (London) Times Higher Education Supplement*, August 1, 2003
- “A Counternarrative of Shared Ambivalence: Some Muslim and Western Perspectives on Science and Reason,” *Common Knowledge* 9 (1), 2003:50-77
- “Jihad and Political Violence,” *Current History*, 101(638), November 2002: 365-76
- “Killing (for) Politics: Jihad, Martyrdom and Political Action,” *Political Theory* 30 (1), February 2002: 4-35
- “The New Manichaeans,” *Theory & Event*, 5 (4), 2002
- “Contingent Borders, Syncretic Perspectives: Globalization, Political Theory and Islamizing Knowledge,” *International Studies Review*, (Spring 2002): 23-48
- Review Essay on *Beyond Rights Talk and Culture Talk* and *Political Theory and Feminist Social Criticism*, *Political Theory*, 29 (6), December 2001: 888-895
- Review Essay: “Journeys to ‘the Other Shore,’” *Political Theory* 28 (2000): 399-420
- “Mapping Modernities, ‘Islamic’ and ‘Western,’” in *Border Crossings: Toward a Comparative Political Theory*, ed. Fred R. Dallmayr, Lexington Books, 1999, pp. 11-37
- “Premodern, Antimodern, or Postmodern?: Islamic and Western Critiques of Modernity,” *The Review of Politics* 59 (1997): 429-59

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

"Comparative Political Theory: An Islamic Fundamentalist Critique of Rationalism," *The Journal of Politics* 59 (1997): 28-55

"When Worldviews Collide: Conflicting Assumptions About Human Behavior Held by Rational Actor Theory and Islamic Fundamentalism," *Political Psychology* 16 (1995): 157-178

Book Review of Larbi Sadiki's *The Search for Arab Democracy: Discourses and Counter-Discourses*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 37 (1), February 2006: 134-36

Book Review of *Overcoming Tradition and Modernity: The Search for Islamic Authenticity* (by Robert D. Lee), *American Political Science Review* 92 (1998): 443-44

Book Review of *Gender Politics in Sudan: Islamism, Socialism, and the State* (by Sondra Hale), *African Studies Review* 40 (1997): 186-88

Book Review of *Islamic Fundamentalism* (eds, Abdel Salam Sidahmed and Anoushiravan Ehteshami), *Review of Politics* 59 (1997): 643-47

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

National Public Radio (NPR): Interviewed for Here & Now story "Fatwa Forbids Terrorism," July 28, 2005

British Broadcasting Company (BBC): Appeared in "The Power of Nightmares," documentary about Islamic Fundamentalism, Adam Curtis reporting, first U.S. Broadcast, October, 2004

The New York Times: Interviewed in "The Latest Obscenity Has Seven Letters: F-a-s-c-i-s-t," Alexander Stille, September 14, 2003

Christian Science Monitor: Interviewed in "Two Men Two Missions," feature on Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein, Josh Burek, February 26, 2003

ABC News.com: Interviewed in "Providing Fodder for his Enemies: Bin Laden Tape May Work Against Him," Andrew Chang, December 13, 2002

The Boston Globe: Interviewed in *Boston Globe* article on meanings of jihad, "Speechmaker, Aspiring Peacemaker," Patrick Healy, June 6, 2002

Newark Star-Ledger: Interviewed in "One Life to Give, and Others to Take, in the Name of Martyrdom," Farnaz Fassihi, April 7, 2002

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES:

“The Politics of Jihad in Islamist Thought.” Annual Sam Clark Memorial Lecture, Western Michigan University, April 15, 2009.

“Language Matters: A Post-election Re-reading of Islamist Political Thought.” Political Theory Workshop, Brown University, February 26, 2009

“Islamic Cosmopolitanism.” Centre for Ethics Seminar Series, University of Toronto, Canada, September 15, 2008

Roundtable panelist, "Political Ideologies in the Global Age: Continuity or Novelty?" American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008

“Travel, Comparative Knowledge and Muslim Cosmopolitanism.” Departments of Near Eastern Studies and Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, December 7, 2007

Visiting Scholar, Globalization Studies Program, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, Sept. 20-22, 2007

“Cosmopolitanisms Past and Present, Muslim and Western.” Distinguished Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, May 14, 2007

"Cosmopolitanisms Past and Present, Islamic and Western." Cornell Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University, April 27, 2007

"Muslim and Western Cosmopolitanism." Department of Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, March 19, 2007

“Muslim and Western Cosmopolitanism.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3, 2006

“Islam vs. Universal Rights?: Power and the Politics of Cultural Authenticity.” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Human Rights in Conflict: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York, New York, NY, July 11, 2006

“Cosmopolitanisms Past and Present, Muslim and Western.” Ray Smith Symposium, Mirror for the Muslim Prince: Islam and the Theory of Statecraft, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, March 30-April 1, 2006

“Travel, Theory and the Search for Knowledge: Muslim and Western Journeys to the Other Shore.” Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, January 23, 2006

“Theorizing Past and Future: Between Tocqueville and Tahtawi.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 31-Sept. 4, 2005

Roundtable, “Political Violence in an Era of Globalization.” MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, IL, January 31-February 1, 2005

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES (continued):

- “The Comparative Politics of Travel.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, January 28, 2005
- “Traveling Theorists and Translating Practices.” Political Theory Colloquium, Department of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 9, 2004
- “Travel, Theory, and the Search for Knowledge: Western and Islamic Journeys to ‘The Other Shore’,” Radcliffe Institute Fellows’ Presentation Series, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cambridge, MA, December 15, 2004
- “Travel, Theory and the Search for Knowledge.” Columbia University Colloquium on Politics, Religion and Human Rights, sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Center for Comparative Studies and Social Science, New York, NY, September 29, 2004
- “Jihad, Martyrdom, and Political Action.” The Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, January 22, 2004
- “Differences – within and without.” Irreconcilable Differences? Jacques Derrida and the Question of Religion, Conference at the University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, October 23-25, 2003
- “Islamic Fundamentalism, Revolution and the Politics of Jihad.” New York University Public Lecture Series: “The Search for Armageddon: The Rise of Religious Terrorism,” New York, NY, October 8, 2003
- “Islam Versus the West and Other Fictions.” University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, September 12, 2003
- “Marginalized Meanings: Interpretive Strategies in Middle Eastern Politics.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA., August 28-31, 2003
- “Islam Versus the West and Other Fictions.” Brooke Anderson Memorial Lecture, Brown University, Providence, RI, March 18, 2003
- “Militant Islam: Legitimate Religion or Rationale for Terrorism?” 9/11 Commemoration, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Connecticut College, New London, CT, September 24, 2002
- “Islam Versus the West and Other Fictions.” Milleret Lecture, Assumption College, Worcester, MA, April 9, 2002
- “Mincing Words: ‘Islam,’ ‘the West,’ and Other Language Problems.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 28-September 1, 2002
- “Is There a Clash of Civilizations? Can Democracy and Pluralism Exist With Islamic Law?” Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), Lisbon, Portugal, June 22, 2002

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES (continued):

“Killing for Politics.” Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, May 3, 2002.

“Fundamentalism as Anti-modernism? As Anti-Secularism?” Gerst Program in Political, Economic, and Humanistic Studies, Duke University, April 12-14, 2002

“Jihad, Islam and Political Action.” Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, April 18, 2002.

“Moral Vessel and Weakest Link: Women and Gender in Islamist Thought.” Conference on Afghanistan and Beyond: Women’s Activism in Times of War. The Five College Women’s Studies Research Center, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, March 7-8, 2002

“Killing (for) Politics: Jihad, Martyrdom and Political Action.” Michigan Colloquium in Political Theory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March 15, 2002

The Road to Kandahar: A Genealogy of Jihad in Modern Islamist Thought.” Divinity School Colloquium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 16, 2002

“A Genealogy of Jihad in Modern Islamist Political Thought.” Political Theory Colloquium, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, January 18, 2002

“Jihad and Politics?” Political Theory Workshop, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 16, 2001

“Reflections in the Wake of September 11: Martyrdom, Jihad and Politics.” Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, October 1, 2001

“War Against What?” Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA, September 26, 2001

“Reinterpretation and the Politics of Forgiveness: the Political Thought of Hannah Arendt.” Conference on Forgiveness, College of the Holy Cross Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, Worcester, MA, September 14-15, 2001

Panel Organizer, “Comparative Political Theory: Conversations Across History and Culture.” International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), University of Bergen, Norway, August 14-18, 2000

“Travel, Theory, and Political Wisdom in Islamic Thought: The *Rihlas* of Ibn Battuta and al-Tahtawi.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000

“Killing (for) Politics: Jihad, Martyrdom and Political Action.” Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Jose, CA, March 24-26, 2000

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES (continued):

“West versus Non-West?: Cultural Syncretism in Modern Islamic Political Thought.” International Studies Association Convention, Washington D.C., February 16-20, 1999

“A Critical Assessment of Huntington on Fundamentalism.” International Sociological Association Meeting, Montreal, Canada, July 26-August 1, 1998

“Comparative Political Theory and Modernities, Islamic and ‘Western’.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington D.C., August 28-31, 1997

“An Islamist Critique of Rationalism: Epistemological Conflict and Synthesis.” International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), University for Humanist Studies, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 1996

ASSOCIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Chair, Leo Strauss Award Committee, American Political Science Association, September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009

Editorial Board, *The American Political Science Review*, 2007-present

Advisory Editor, *Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought*, Cambridge University Press, in progress

Manuscript Referee, *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *The Review of Politics*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Law & Society*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of The American Academy of Religion*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Polity*, *History of Religions*, *European Journal of International Relations*

Editorial Board, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 2005-present

Editorial Board, *The Journal of Politics*, 2004-2007

First Book Award Committee, Foundations of Political Theory, American Political Science Association, 2007

Editorial Board, *International Studies Review*, 1999-2003

Foundations of Political Theory Council, American Political Science Association, 2004-2006

Guest Editor, *Critical Horizons*, Special Issue on Comparative Political Theory, Spring 2001 (Brill Publishers)

Member, American Political Science Association, 1993-present

Member, Middle East Studies Association, 1997-present