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PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

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PAPERS:

“Causation in Islamic Law and Theology.” School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Lunchtime Colloquia. March 2007.

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“The Iconoclastic Legal Theory of al-Amīr al-Ṣan`ānī,” Second Alta Conference on Islamic Legal Theory. Alta, Utah. September 2008.

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“What Makes a *Madhhab* a *Madhhab*?” Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania. November 2010.

“The Transmission and Authority of Texts.” Conference on Textual Authority in Judaism and Islam, jointed sponsored by Ben Gurion University and CNRS Jerusalem. June 2011.

“Problems of Authority in Islamic Law.” Islamic Legal Studies Program Lecture, Harvard Law School. October 2011.

“Neglected Sources, Prejudice, and Method.” Locating the Shari`a: Creating New Sources for Knowledge and Inquiry, Second Annual University of California Santa Barbara Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference. February 2012.

“Kalām Works by Ibn al-Murtaḍā,” Yemeni Manuscript Digitization Initiative (YMDI) International Workshop. Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin. May 2012.

“Zaydism in Rayy.” Workshop on Rayy. Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. April 2014.

“Causal Analogy (*qiyās al-`illa*): A Historical Overview.” Reformulation and Hermeneutics: Researching the History of Islamic Legal Theory. Istanbul University. February 2016.