

Curriculum Vitae of
CHARLES M. RAMSEY

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Doctorate of Philosophy, Islamic Studies, University of Birmingham, 2015, Thesis Title: “Elucidating the Word: Sayyid Ahmad Khan (1817-1898), Revelation, and Coherence,” Supervisor: Dr. David R. Thomas, Professor of Christianity and Islam, and Nadir Dinshaw Professor of Interreligious Relations

Post-Graduate Certificate, Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, 2009-2011

Master of Arts, History of Religions, Baylor University, 2000, Thesis Title: “From Eid to Eid: An Ethnographic Study of a Multi-ethnic Immigrant Mosque,” Supervisor: Dr. Clinton Bennett

Bachelor of Arts, University Scholars Program (Asian Studies and History), Baylor University, 1997, *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Religion and Public Policy (Peace Studies), Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan, 2015 – June, 2017

Academic Director, Centre for Dialogue and Action, Forman Christian College, May 2013 – December 2015

Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Forman Christian College, August 2012 – May 2014

Executive Assistant to the Rector (Special Projects), Forman Christian College, August 2012 – December 2014

Lecturer, South Asian Religions, University Institute, New Delhi, India, June 2008 – July 2012

Visiting Faculty, Department of Management, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, India, August 2009 – May 2010

LANGUAGES

Advanced fluency: Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Portuguese, and Spanish
Research: Arabic, German, and French

ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATIONS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern Islam; Comparative Religions; Muslim-Christian Relations; Society and Culture; Religions of India; China; Global Christianity; Ethnographic Research; Violence; South and Central Asia; Mysticism; Globalization;

ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Islam; Sources of Sunna: Sira and Hadith; Emergence of the Qur'an; Introduction to World Religions; Introduction to Christian Ethics; Introduction to Christian Doctrine; Church History; History of Christianity in South Asia; Islam and the West; Interfaith Relations; Valuing Diversity/Sociology of Inequality; Theories of Peace Building and Conflict Management; Conflict Analysis and Resolution Strategies; Religions of India Study Tour

RESEARCH GRANTS

United States Institute of Peace Grant: "Teaching Diversity" (\$150,000), co-authored with Dr. Amineh Hoti (Anthropology, Cambridge), December 2013-February 2016

British Library, Endangered Archives Award: "*Nur Afshan: Inter-Religious History of the Punjab from 1873-1944*" (\$80,000), co-authored with Dr. Yaqoob Bangash Khan (History, Oxon), November 2013-November 2014

RESEARCH GRANTS UNDER APPLICATION

From Form to Content: Sayyid Ahmad Khan (1817-1898), 'Abdul Hamid al-Din Farahi (1863-1930), and the trajectory of the Indian Nazm School of Qur'anic interpretation, Alexander von Humbolt Foundation, Germany

The Farid Manuscripts: Siraiki Poetry and Politics at the Crossroads, co-authored with Dr. Nukbah Langah, British Library's Endangered Archives Program

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Editor, South Asia Section, *Christian-Muslim Relations 600 – 1500: A Bibliographical Encyclopedia* (Leiden: Brill)

American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Travel Research Grant, (\$3500), in collaboration with International Islamic University and Forman Christian College, September 2017

Switzerland Province of the Society of Jesus, in collaboration with Fr. Juan Carlos Pallardel SJ, “Anthology of 19th Century Indigenous Urdu Christian Literature” (\$30,000), June 2017 – June 2019

Baylor University, Department of Religion, Graduate Assistantship (tuition and stipend), Supervisor: Dr. Daniel Magee, August 1998 – May 2000

Institute of International Education, National Security Endowment Award for the study of Chinese language and culture, Yunnan Institute for the Nationalities (\$10,000), August 1995–May 1996

PUBLICATIONS

Books

God’s Word, Spoken and Otherwise: Sayyid Ahmad Khan (1817-1898), Revelation, and Coherence in History of Christian-Muslim Relations Series edited by David Thomas (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2018).

Tabyīn al-kalām (Part 3, The Gospel of Matthew 1-5): an annotated translation of the text by Sayyid Ahmad Khan (ca. 1860), Christian W. Troll SJ, Basharat Mughal, and Charles M. Ramsey (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2018).

South Asian Sufis: Devotion, Deviation, and Destiny, eds. Clinton Bennett and Charles M. Ramsey (London: Continuum, 2012; New Delhi: Bloomsbury 2018).

Accepting Difference: Uncovering a Culture of Diversity, eds. Amineh Hoti and Charles Ramsey (Islamabad: Emel, 2015).

Teaching Acceptance: A Resource for Teachers on Respecting and Understanding Difference, eds. Amineh Hoti and Charles Ramsey (Islamabad: Emel, 2015).

Book Chapters

“Blessed Boundaries: the limits of Sunnah to legitimize violence,” *Islamic Peace Ethics: Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Contemporary Islamic Thought*, eds. Heydar Shadi and Gerhard Beestermöller (Bonn: Nomos, 2017).

“Anti-Saint or Anti-Shrine? Tracing Deobandi Disdain for Sufism in Pakistan,” *Sufism, Pluralism, and Democracy*, eds. Clinton Bennett and Sarwar Alam (Sheffield: Equinox, 2017).

“Orientalist: Friend or Foe?” *Responses Towards 9/11: South Asia and Beyond*, ed. Nukhbah Langah (New Delhi: Routledge, 2017).

“Sir Sayyid and the Religious Foundations for a Pluralist Society,” *Sir Syed Ahmad Khan Muslim Renaissance Man of India: A Bicentenary Commemorative Volume* (New Delhi: Viva Books, 2016).

“He/Not He (*huwa la huwa*): Echoes of Ibn al-Arabi in Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s *Tabyin al-kalām*,” *Mysticism East and West: The Concept of the Unity of Being*, ed. Heike Stammer (Lahore: Current Affairs, 2013).

“Rishiwaer: Kashmir, the Garden of the Saints,” *South Asian Sufis: Devotion, Deviation, and Destiny*, eds. Clinton Bennett and Charles M. Ramsey (London: Continuum, 2012).

Journal and Encyclopedia Articles

“On Faith: Martin Luther and Sayyid Ahmad Khan” in *Reformation Jubilee of 2017: Luther! 95 Treasures – 95 People*, ed. Benjamin Hasselhorn (Stiftung Luthergedenkstätten in Sachsen-Anhalt, 2017).

“Sayyid Ahmad Khān,” *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Biographical History 1500-1900*, ed. David Thomas (Leiden: Brill, 2017).

“Jesuit reports on India in the 17th century: the writings of Daniello Bartoli, Fernão Guerreiro, Luis de Guzman, Pierre du Jarric, and Ludovicus de Dieu,” *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Biographical History 1500-1900*, ed. David Thomas (Leiden: Brill, 2017).

“Charles W. Forman,” *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Biographical History 1500-1900*, ed. David Thomas (Leiden: Brill, 2017).

“Sayyid Ahmad Khān,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Dale C. Allison, Jr. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017).

“Rahmat Allāh Kairānawī,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Dale C. Allison, Jr. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017).

“Confronting Extremism in the New Silk Web,” *Journal of Islamic and Middle East Studies in Asia* 9, no. 4 (2015): 59-84.

“God’s Word, Spoken and Otherwise.” *Muslim Christian Relations in Historical Perspective* (Oxford: Centre for Christian-Muslim Studies, 2015).

Select Book Reviews

“J. Scott Bridger, Christian Exegesis of the Qur’an: A Critical Analysis of the Apologetic Use of the Qur’an in Select Medieval and Contemporary Arabic Texts,” *The Expository Times* 128 (2016).

“Akbar S. Ahmed, *The Thistle and the Drone*,” *The Friday Times*, Lahore (March 8, 2013).

“Gerrie ter Haar, *Religion and Development: Ways of Transforming the World*,” *Journal of Church-State Studies* (online access March 20, 2013).

“Akbar Ahmed, *Journey into Islam*,” *Journal of Church-State Studies* 52 (2010), 353-4.

“Jane I. Smith, *Islam in America*,” *Journal of Church-State Studies*, 42 (2000), 580.

“Charles Kurzman, *Liberal Islam: A Sourcebook*,” *Journal of Church-State Studies*, 42 (2000), 377-8.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies
Research Quarterly, Center for Public Policy and Governance

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES CONVENED

“Civil Resistance and Democratization: Strategies, Tactics, and Analysis,” in cooperation with the International Center for Non-Violent Conflict (Washington, DC), September 2016

“Contemporary Issues in Religious Education: challenges and opportunities in pedagogy, curriculum, and assessment,” Department of Religious Studies (Higher Education Commission, Pakistan) March 10, 2016

“Search for Holiness: Exploring the Meaning and Significance of Sacred Space for Muslims and Christians,” Third Loyola Hall Symposium (Lahore), March 2-4, 2016

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

From Behind the Urdu Curtain: Sir Sayyid in the Nur Afshan archive, keynote address at the Editorial Board Meeting, *Muslim-Christian Relations: A Biographical History 1500-1900*, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies. Bangalore, India (February 2017)

Contested Sources: A study of the 1865 Arabic Bible in Indian tafsir literature, The Bible

in Arabic in the nineteenth century: What challenges for Christianity and Islam in the Middle East societies since 1865? Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités CNRS-GSRL. Paris (May 2016)

Blessed Bounds: The Limits of Sunnah to Legitimize Violence, Islamic Peace Ethics: Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Contemporary Islamic Thought, Institute for Theology and Peace. Hamburg, Germany (October 2015)

Confronting Extremism in the New Silk Web, The Silk Web in the 21st Century, Hopkins Nanjing Centre, School of Advanced International Studies. Nanjing, China (November 2014)

Analysis of Religious Discourse in the Pakistan Media: A Historical Narrative, Social Change and Security Imperatives: Challenges for Leadership and Democratic Governance in Pakistan, Center for Public Policy and Governance, Forman Christian College. Lahore, Pakistan (December 2013)

From the Mughals to the Reformists: A Modern History of Islamic Responses to Biblical Literature, Lecture at Zakir Hussain Institute of Islamic Studies in collaboration with Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University. New Delhi, India (October 2013)

Lessons from the Rishi: Esoteric Meaning and the Sociology of Knowledge, Seminar on the Philosophy of Social Sciences, UNESCO Mandajeet Singh Institute for Kashmir Studies. Srinagar, India (November 2011)

Rishiwaer: Kashmir the Valley of the Saints, South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion, Conference on Mountains in the Religions of South and Southeast Asia. Thimpu, Bhutan (July 2011)

Steps to Holiness: The Beatitudes of Shah-i Hamdan. Common Word Conference. Islamabad, Pakistan (October 2010)

Towards a Common Word End-vision: Hospitality, Not Tolerance. Common Word Conference. Islamabad, Pakistan (October 2009)

Eid to Eid: An Ethnographic Study of a Multi-ethnic Immigrant Mosque, American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting. Dallas, USA (April 2000)

CURRENT WRITING PROJECTS

A Reformation of Our Own: Martin Luther and Muslim Revivalism in India, for “500 Years of the Reformation: Prospects for India,” for the South Asian Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore

(Co)Teaching Religion: when Muslims and Christians teach/learn together, co-authored with Atiq-ur-Rehman, Institute for the Study of Religion in the Middle East, Istanbul, Turkey (April 2017)

'Abdul Hamid al-Din Farahi (1863-1930) and the trajectory of the Indian Nazm School of Qur'anic interpretation, accepted for presentation at International Qur'anic Studies Association (American Academy of Religion), Boston (November, 2017)

ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

International Network on Religious Minorities in Pakistan, Project design and implementation advisor to Dr. Madeline Clements (Teeside University), Arts and Humanities Research Council (Under application)

Member, Committee for designing the MPhil track in Peace Studies, Forman Christian College, August 2015-present

Member, Committee on General Education, Academic Council, Forman Christian College, August 2015-present

Council Member, Religious Life Program, Forman Christian College, August 2014-present

Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations Society, Forman Christian College, August 2012-May 2014

Member, Leadership Council, Loyola Hall Inter-Faith Symposia, Society of Jesus, Lahore, Pakistan, 2012-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
International Qur'anic Studies Association
South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion
The British Association for Islamic Studies

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Study-Abroad Coordinator, University Institute, New Delhi, India (2008-2012)
Lectured and coordinated study tours for academic credit in partnerships with American universities related to the religions of India

Leadership Trainer, Manford Allianz, New Delhi, India (2008-2011)
Facilitated leadership and conflict-transformation trainings in Kashmir for a program funded by the United Nations Development Program

Director, Village Artisan Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India (2001-2008)

Co-founder and Director of Marketing: equipped and incubated community-based social enterprises that grew to be one of India's leading suppliers for the International Fair Trade Network, Saharanpur, India

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Curriculum Design Workshops, United States Institute of Peace in collaboration with American University: designed courses "Religion and Conflict" and "Interfaith Relations" (August 2013 and September 2015)

Online Course Facilitator, Soliya Connect: designed course "Islam and the West" that incorporates the virtual exchange program into the curriculum, and negotiated annual scholarships for 20 Forman students, August 2012-present

Personality Inventories Facilitation

FIRO-B, Myers-Briggs, Lead 360, and Birkman Method

Leadership Coaching Certificates

"Make a Difference," Enrichment Center, 2010; "Breakthrough," Manford Allianz, 2008; "Getting to Yes," Conflict Management Partners, 2008; "Foundations of Leadership", International Center for Excellence in Leadership, 2007

Outdoor and Experiential Education

Wilderness First Responder, 2010; Guide, International Mountain Leadership Institute, 2001; Emergency Medical Technician, 1997; Outward Bound, 1993