

***Curriculum Vitae of***  
**CHARLES M. RAMSEY**

**EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

Doctorate of Philosophy, Islamic Studies, Department of Religion, Theology, and Philosophy, and University of Birmingham, 2015, Thesis Title: "Elucidating the Word: Sayyid Ahmad Khan (1817-1898), Revelation, and Coherence," Supervisor: 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

Additional Graduate Study, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Spring 2002, and Fuller Theological Seminary, Spring 2006

Master of Arts, History of Religion/World Religions, Baylor University, 2000, Thesis Title: "From Eid to Eid: An Ethnographic Study of a Multi-ethnic Immigrant Mosque," Supervisor: Clinton Bennett

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

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Adjunct Faculty, Baylor University, Departments of History, Religion, and George W. Truett Theological Seminary, August 2018-present

Assistant Professor of Religion and Public Policy, Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan, August 2015-May 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, Portuguese, and Spanish  
Research: Arabic, Punjabi, Kashmiri, French, and Chinese (4 years)

## **ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATIONS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Islamic Studies; History of South and Central Asia; Global Christianity; World Religions; Muslim-Christian Relations; Muslim Reception of the Bible; Ethnographic Research; Peace Studies/Conflict Transformation

## **ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT**

History of Modern South Asia; History of Ancient India; Religion and Worldviews; World Religions; Introduction to Missions; Peace Building and Conflict Transformation; Christian Ethics; Introduction to Christian Doctrine; Church History; History of Christianity in South Asia; Islam and the West; Introduction to Islam; Interfaith Relations; Valuing Diversity/Sociology of Inequality; Theories of Peace Building and Conflict Management; Conflict Analysis and Resolution Strategies; Religions of India Study Tour

## **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

Teaching Fellow, Keston Institute for Religion, Politics, and Society, Baylor University,  
Summer 2019

Editorial Board, *South-Asian Journal of Religion and Philosophy*, Minhaj University,  
Lahore, Pakistan, September 2019-present

Section Editor, South Asia, *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Biographical History*  
(University of Birmingham, published by Leiden: Brill), August 2018-present

American Institute for Pakistan Studies, Travel Grant (\$3500), research and lectures at  
International Islamic University, Islamabad, August 2017

Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, External Fellow, Waco, Texas, August 2017-  
present

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

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

Phi Beta Kappa, Baylor University, 1997

Institute of International Education, National Security Endowment Award for the study of Chinese language and culture, Yunnan Institute for the Nationalities, People’s Republic of China (\$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: Brill, forthcoming in 2020).

*Tabyīn al-kalām: The Gospel According to Sayyid Ahmad Khan (1817-98)*, Annotated translation by Christian W. Troll S.J., Charles M. Ramsey, and Mahboob Basharat Mughal (Leiden: Brill, 2019).

*South Asian Sufis: Devotion, Deviation, and Destiny*, eds. Clinton Bennett and Charles M. Ramsey (London: Continuum, 2012).

### **Book Chapters**

“Another Holy Land: Muhammad Asad (née Leopold Weiss, 1900-92), Public Theology, and the imagining of Pakistan,” *Scholarship in the New Diaspora: The Practices of the Intellectual in Exile*, eds. Susanne Sholz and Santiago Slabodsky (Minneapolis: Lexington/Fortress Academic, 2020).

“Religion, Science, and the Coherence of Prophetic and Natural Revelation: Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s Religious Writings,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan*, eds. Yasmin Saikia and M. Raisur Rahman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

- “Orientalist: Friend or Foe?” *Literary and Non-Literary Responses Towards 9/11: South Asia and Beyond*, ed. Nukhbah Langah (New Delhi: Routledge, 2018).
- “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).
- “Sir Syed’s Religious Foundations for a Pluralist Society,” *Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Muslim Renaissance Man of India, a Bicentenary Commemorative Volume* (New Delhi: Viva Books, 2016).
- “Anti-Saint or Anti-Shrine? Tracing Deobandi Disdain for Sufism in Pakistan,” *Sufism, Pluralism, and Democracy*, eds. Clinton Bennett and Sarwar Alam (Sheffield: Equinox, 2016).
- “He/Not He (*huwa la huwa*): Echoes of Ibn al-Arabi in Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s *Tabyīn 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 Encyclopaedia 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 Aḥmad Khān,” *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Biographical History 1500-1900*, ed. David Thomas (Leiden: Brill, 2017).
- “Jesuit reports on India in the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Aḥmad Khān,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Dale C. Allison, Jr. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016).

“Rahmat Allāh Kairānawī,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Dale C. Allison, Jr. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016).

“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).

### **Selected Book Reviews**

“Istvan Keul, ed., *Consecration Rituals in South Asia*,” *Mission Studies* 34 (2017), 425-6.

“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* 28:3 (2016), 142-3.

“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**

*I.B. Tauris Library of Islamic South Asia Series*

*British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*

*Research Quarterly, Center for Public Policy and Governance* (Pakistan)

### **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES CONVENED**

“Civil Resistance and Democratization: Strategies, Tactics, and Analysis,” in cooperation with the International Center for Non-violent Conflict, Forman Christian College, September 2016

“Contemporary Issues in Religious Education: challenges and opportunities in pedagogy, curriculum, and assessment,” Department of Religious Studies, Forman Christian College, March 10, 2016

“Search for Holiness: exploring the meaning and significance of sacred space for Muslims and Christians,” Convened with Juan Carlos Pallardel SJ, Third Loyola Hall Symposium, March 2-4, 2016

“The Sacredness of Creation: our common religious Responsibility to protect and cherish this God-given gift,” Convened with Fr. Liam O’Callaghan, February 26-28, 2014

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

*Religion and Reason, Reimagined: John Ruskin, Sayyid Ahmad Khan, and the Art of Science*, Keynote Address, International Conference on Science, Reason, and Religion, Minhaj University, Lahore (October 2019)

*The Stories Within the Story: An Introduction to the Study of Islam Through Representative Biographical Narratives*, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Scholars Summer Program, Herndon (July 2018)

*From Farahi to Ghamidi: An Introduction to the Trajectory of the Indian Nazm School of Qur’anic Exegesis*, International Qur’anic Studies Association, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting. Boston (November 2017)

*Luther the Muslim: Sayyid Ahmad Khan (d. 1898) and the Islamic Roots of the Reformation*, The Bible and the Reformation 1517, Institute for Faith and Learning. Baylor University (October 2017)

*From Behind the Urdu Curtain: Defining Sir Sayyid according to Nur Afshan editorials*, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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: Islamic Responses to Biblical Literature in the History of Muslim-Christian Relations*, 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**

“From form to Content: Farahi, Islahi, Ghamidi, and the trajectory of the Indian *Nazm* School of qur’anic interpretation.” This is a monograph that explores an form-critical approach developed by modern South Asian qur’anist exegetes.

“Anthology of Urdu Christian Theology.” A selection of chapter-length writings with English translation spanning roughly the period from 1847 to 1947. Initiated in collaboration with the Society of Jesus (Switzerland Province in care of Pakistan) and the Institute for Studies of Religion in the Middle East, this is a resource for the study of World Christianity and Interreligious Relations.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Director, Baptist Student Ministries, Baylor University, August 2017-present

Second Advisor, Middle-Eastern Students Association, Baylor University, October 2018-present

Member (Ex-Officio), Spiritual Life Advisory Committee, Baylor University, May 2018-present

Member, Committee for designing the MPhil in Biblical Studies, Forman Christian College, August 2015-May 2017

Member, Committee on General Education, Academic Council, Forman Christian College, August 2015-May 2017

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

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion

South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion

The British Association for Islamic Studies