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About

I am a Lecturer in Islam and Contemporary Religion in the Department of Theology and Religion. My primary research and teaching interests are in Contemporary Sufism, Western esotericisms, Islam in Britain and CyberReligion (especially in relation to Sufism and Islam).

Qualifications

- BA (Hons) in Humanities (Bristol UWE)
- MA in Islamic Studies (Bham)
- PGCE Secondary RE (Bham)
- PhD in Islamic Studies (Bham)

Biography

- Youth & community worker and teacher in Birmingham
- Research Assistant on *British Muslims Monthly Survey* media project
- Principal Researcher: ESRC funded research project on Transnational Sufism
- Research Fellow and Teaching Fellow: projects relating to Islam in Britain and teaching on Islam and Religious Studies
- Lecturer in Islam and Contemporary Religion.

Teaching

Undergraduate

- Sufism: Belief and Practice (Year 2)
- New Age and Alternative Spiritualities (Year 2)
- Buddhism (Year 2)
- Contemporary Sufi Movements (Year 3)
- CyberReligion (Year 3)
- Islam in Britain (Year 3)
- Contributions to: Introduction to Study of Religion and Introduction to Islam (Year 1)

Postgraduate

- Contemporary Sufism
- Islam in Britain
- Islam in Cyberspace

Postgraduate supervision

- Contemporary Sufism
- Western Esotericisms
- Islam in Britain

Research

I am currently researching in the following areas:

- Sufism in Cyberspace (for forthcoming book)
- Theological and pedagogical survey of madrasa curriculums in Birmingham
- The theology and practice of the exorcism of jinn in Muslim communities in Britain

Other activities

- Undergraduate Exams Officer for Theology & Religion
- Employability Officer for PTR
- Programme Leader for MRes in Religion and Culture
- University link officer for South&City College Foundation Degree in Islamic Studies
- Member of Birmingham Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies (UoB)
- Member of Religious Studies Research Cluster (UoB)
- Member of Advisory Board of Honouring Tradition (Muslim community education)

Publications

Forthcoming: *Sufism: A Guide for the Perplexed*, London: Continuum

Transnational Sufism: the Haqqaniyya' (with J.S. Nielsen & G Yemelianova) in *Sufism in the West* (eds. J. Malik & John Hinnells), (London: Routledge, 2006)

'From Celts to Kaaba: Sufism in Glastonbury' in *Living Sufism in Europe and North America* (ed. D. Westerlund), (London: Curzon RKP, 2004)

Islamiyat: A Core Text for O'Level (with D. Thomas), (Karachi: OUP, 2004)

'Ethics and ethnographic research in the context of Sufi tariqas' in *Ethnology of Sufi Orders: Theory and Practice* (eds. A Zhelyazkova & J.S. Nielsen), (Sofia: IMIR & CSICMR, 2001)

