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University Education	B.A. Philosophy and Medieval Studies (4 yr.) Trinity College, University of Toronto June, 1981 M.A. Medieval Studies University of Toronto November, 1982 Ph.D. Medieval Studies (Joint Programme in Philosophy and Medieval Studies) University of Toronto November, 1987
Academic Appointments	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Loyola University of Chicago, August 1987–May 1989 Junior Fellow, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Assistant Professor, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, July 1989–1992 Senior Fellow, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, November 1992–July 1995 Associate Professor, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto November 1992–July 1995 Cross-Appointed to Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies University of Toronto, 1992-1996 Associate Professor, Centre for Medieval Studies and Department of Philosophy University of Toronto, July 1995–2002. Full Professor, Department of Philosophy and Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, July 2002- Cross-Appointed to Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, February 2011-
Areas of Research	Classical Arabic-Islamic Philosophy 13th-century Latin Philosophy (to 1277); Aquinas The Aristotelian Tradition in the Middle Ages Medieval Epistemology, Metaphysics, Cognitive Psychology, Philosophy of Mind

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK

Conference Presentations

1. "The Beauty of Creator and Creature in the Philosophy of St. Augustine. Seventh Annual Patristic, Mediaeval, and Renaissance Conference (PMR), Villanova, Sept. 25, 1982.
2. "The Influence of the *De divinis nominibus* on the Epistemology of St. Thomas." Tenth Annual PMR Conference, Villanova, Sept. 21, 1985.
3. "The Theory of the 'Imaginative Syllogism' in Medieval Arabic Philosophy." Twenty- First International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 8, 1986, and Fifth Annual Conference of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy and the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science, Baruch College, New York, October 26, 1986.

4. Comments on John Heiser, "Plato and Plotinus on Giving a Logos," and Donald Asselin, "Plotinus on Eudaimonia: Axiology and Ontology." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies and American Catholic Philosophical Association, Louisville, April 9, 1988.
5. "Al-Fārābī as Historian of Philosophy and Philosopher of History." Twenty-Third International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 5, 1988.
6. "*Posterior Analytics* 1.34 in the Arabic and Latin Traditions: Variations on an Aristotelian Theme." Twenty-Fourth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 6, 1989.
7. "Aristotle's *Peri hermeneias* in Medieval Latin and Arabic Philosophy: Logic and the Linguistic Arts." Conference on Aristotle and His Medieval Commentators, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, September 1990.
8. "Intellectual Acumen in the Medieval Latin and Arabic Traditions: Variations on *Posterior Analytics* 1.34." McVean Visiting Lecturer, Dept. of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, March 1990.
9. "Consciousness and Self-Knowledge in Aquinas's Critique of Averroes's Psychology." Twenty-Fifth Annual Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 12, 1990.
10. "Estimation (*Wahm*) in Avicenna: The Logical and Psychological Dimensions." Middle East Studies Association of North America, Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 1990; Canadian Philosophical Association, Kingston, Ontario, May 1991.
11. "Practical Wisdom and Moral Virtue in Arabic Philosophy." Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, New York, Dec. 29, 1991.
12. "Metaphor and Truth in Medieval Arabic Aristotelianism." American Oriental Society, Boston, March 30, 1992.
13. "Practical Wisdom, Moral Virtue, and Theoretical Knowledge: The Problem of the Autonomy of the Practical Realm in Arabic Philosophy." Ninth International Congress on Medieval Philosophy (SIEPM), Ottawa, August 20, 1992.
14. "Imagination, Error, and Judgement: The Estimative Faculty in Avicenna." Philosophy Dept., St. Michael's College, Winooski Pk., Vermont, April 20, 1993.
15. "Memory and the Perception of Time and Individuals in Averroes's Psychology." 28th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mi, May 8, 1993.
16. "Traditions and Transformations in the Medieval Approach to Rhetoric and Related Linguistic Arts." Conference on *L'enseignement de la philosophie au XIIIe siècle: autour du "Guide de l'étudiant" du MS. Ripoll 109*, Laval University, October 16, 1993.
17. "The Role of Memory in Averroes's Psychology." Bradley Lecture Series, Boston College, November 5, 1993.
18. Unreal Being in Avicenna." 29th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 7, 1994.
19. "Arabic Aristotelians on Mental Acts." 30th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 6, 1995.
20. "Aquinas and Avicennian Psychology." 31st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 9, 1996.
21. "Mental Existence in Avicenna and Aquinas." The Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame, March 20, 1997.
22. "Conjunction and the Identity of Knower and Known in Averroes." Special conference on *Averroes and Averroists on Knowledge and Happiness: 800th Anniversary of Averroes' Death*. New York University, April 26, 1998.
23. "Imagination and Estimation: Arabic Paradigms and Latin Divergences." The Medieval Academy of America, Washington, D.C., April 10, 1999.
24. "Models of the Mind: Paradigms of Intellection in Averroes and Aquinas." Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 29, 2000.
25. "The Philosophical Significance of Islamic Philosophy and Theology: A Lecture in Honour of Michael E. Marmura's 75th Birthday." Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto. November 11, 2004.
26. "Avicenna on Primitive Self-Awareness." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, June 3, 2005.
27. "Individuation, Self-Awareness, and God's Knowledge of Particulars: The Intersection of Three Problems in the Philosophy of Avicenna." The Human Condition: An International Workshop on the Roots of Western Anthropology. University of Victoria, August 27, 2005.

28. "Al-Fārābī on Meno's Paradox." In *The Age of Al-Fārābī: Islamic Thought in the 4th/10th Century*. Institute of Classical Studies/Warburg Institute, London. June 16, 2006.
29. Comments on R. Taylor, "Al-Fārābī on Abstraction." American Catholic Philosophical Association. Oct. 27, 2006.
30. "Avicenna on Individuation, Self-Awareness, and God's Knowledge of Particulars." Philosophical and Theological Explorations in the Abrahamic Traditions, Marquette University, Thursday, March 1, 2007.
31. "Avicenna's 'Vague Individual' and its Impact on Medieval Latin Philosophy." Workshop on "Vehicles of Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures." McGill University, April 26–28, 2007.
32. "Avicenna on Individuation, Self-Awareness, and God's Knowledge of Particulars." Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, June 1, 2007.
33. "Rational Imagination: Avicenna on the Cogitative Power." Presented (*in absentia*) at the APA Eastern Division meeting, December 30, 2007.
34. "Averroes on Spirituality and Intentionality in Sense Perception." In *The Age of Averroes: Arabic Thought at the End of the Classical Period*. The Warburg Institute, London, Feb. 16, 2008.
35. "Rational Imagination: Avicenna on the Cogitative Power." Philosophical Psychology in Medieval Arabic and Latin Aristotelianism, Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City May 29, 2008.
36. "Individuation And Providence: An Avicennian Puzzle." Vanderbilt University Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, February 20, 2009.
37. "Some Thing" in Avicenna: The "Vague Individual" and Its Impact on Medieval Latin Philosophy. Ithaca, NY, Cornell Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, May 29, 2009.
38. "Arabic Theories of Intentionality and their Impact in the Latin West." Workshop on Later Medieval Perspectives on Intentionality, University of Parma, June 10, 2009.
39. Comments on Timothy Noone, "The Agent Intellect, Abstraction, and Illumination." *Things in the Mind: A Workshop on Medieval Cognitive Psychology*. Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, September 18, 2009.
40. Reason reflecting on Reason: Philosophy, Rationality and the Intellect in the Medieval Islamic and Christian Traditions." Plenary address for the American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 13-15, 2009.
41. "Imagination, Particular Reason, and Memory: The Role of the Internal Senses in Human Cognition." Workshop on Varieties of Cognitive Theory in the Later Middle Ages: Towards a Status Quaestionis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, February 19, 2010.
42. "Intentionality and Sense Perception in Avicenna And Averroes." Society For Medieval And Renaissance Philosophy session in honour of Alfred Ivry, APA Eastern Division, Tuesday, December 28, 2010.
43. "Consciousness in Medieval Arabic Philosophy," Workshop on Consciousness, Harvard University, October 6, 2012.
44. "Varieties of Consciousness in Arabic Philosophy," Cornell University Philosophy Dept., Nov. 16, 2012.
45. "Varieties of Consciousness in Arabic Philosophy," King's University College, University of Western Ontario, London, March 6, 2013.

Publications

Book *Logic and Aristotle's "Rhetoric" and "Poetics" in Medieval Arabic Philosophy*. Islamic Theology and Philosophy, vol. 7. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1990.

Articles

1. "The Influence of the *De divinis nominibus* on the Epistemology of St. Thomas Aquinas." *Proceedings of the PMR Conference* 10 (1985): 41–52.
2. "The 'Imaginative Syllogism' in Arabic Philosophy: A Medieval Contribution to the Philosophical Study of Metaphor." *Mediaeval Studies* 51 (1989): 242–67.
3. "Le «syllogisme imaginal» dans la philosophie arabe: contribution médiévale à l'étude philosophique de la métaphore." In *Penser avec Aristote*. Ed. George Hahn and M. A. Sinaceur. 245–73. Toulouse: Éditions Erès, 1991.
4. "Aristotle's *Peri hermeneias* in Medieval Latin and Arabic Philosophy: Logic and the Linguistic Arts." In *Aristotle and His Medieval Interpreters*. Ed. Richard Bosley and Martin Tweedale. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* suppl. vol. 17 (1992): 25–83.
5. "Al-Fārābī." *The Dictionary of Literary Biography*, Vol. 115. *Medieval Philosophers*. Ed. Jeremiah

- Hackett. 68–79. Detroit and London: Bruccoli, Clark, Layman, 1992.
6. "Ibn Rushd (Averroes)." *The Dictionary of Literary Biography*, Vol. 115. *Medieval Philosophers*. Ed. Jeremiah Hackett. 184–95. Detroit and London: Bruccoli, Clark, Layman, 1992.
 7. "Estimation in Avicenna: The Logical and Psychological Dimensions." *Dialogue* 32 (1993): 219–58.
 8. "Consciousness and Self-Knowledge in Aquinas's Critique of Averroes's Psychology." *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 31.3 (July 1993): 23–59.
 9. "Practical Wisdom, Moral Virtue, and Theoretical Knowledge: The Problem of the Autonomy of the Practical Realm in Arabic Philosophy." *Moral and Political Philosophies in the Middle Ages*. 3 vols. Ed. B. C. Bazán, E. Andújar, L. G. Sbrocchi. Ottawa: LEGAS: 1995. 1:451–65.
 10. "Al-Fārābī." In *The Routledge History of Islamic Philosophy*. Ed. Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Oliver Leaman. 2 vols. 1: 178–97. New York: Routledge, 1996.
 11. "Memory, Time and Individuals in Averroes's Psychology." *Medieval Theology and Philosophy* 5 (1996): 161–187.
 12. "Medieval Translations: Latin and Arabic." In *Medieval Latin Studies: An Introduction and Bibliographical Guide*. Ed. F. A. C. Mantello and A. G. Rigg. 723–27. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 1996.
 13. "Avicenna on the Ontological and Epistemic Status of Fictional Beings." *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale* 8 (1997): 425–453.
 14. "Traditions and Transformations in the Medieval Approach to Rhetoric and Related Linguistic Arts." In *L'enseignement de la philosophie au xiii^e siècle. Autour du «Guide de l'étudiant» du ms. Ripoll 109*. Ed. Claude LaFleur and J. Carrier. *Studia Artistarum*, vol. 5. Turnholt: Brepols, 1997. Pp. 233–54.
 15. "Aesthetics in Islamic Philosophy." *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Ed. Edward Craig. 10 vols. London and New York: Routledge, 1998. 1:75–79.
 16. "Logic in Islamic Philosophy." *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Ed. Edward Craig. 10 vols. London and New York: Routledge, 1998. 5:706–713.
 17. "Fārābī : ii. Logic." *Encyclopaedia Iranica*. Ed. Ehsan Yarshater. Volume IX, Fascicle 2. 213–16. New York: Bibliotheca Persica Press, 1999.
 18. "Conjunction and the Identity of Knower and Known in Averroes." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 73.1 (Winter 1999): 159–184.
 19. "Mental Existence in Thomas Aquinas and Avicenna." *Mediaeval Studies* 61 (1999): 45–79.
 20. "Estimation and Imagination: Western Divergences from an Arabic Paradigm." *Topoi* 19 (2000): 59–75.
 21. "Alfarabi (Al-Fārābī)." *A Companion to Philosophy in the Middle Ages*. Ed. J. J. E. Gracia and Timothy B. Noone. Malden, MA: Blackwell's, 2003. Pp. 109–117.
 22. "Averroes: The Incoherence of The Incoherence." *The Classics of Western Philosophy: A Reader's Guide*. Ed. J. J. E. Gracia et al. Malden, MA: Blackwell's, 2003. Pp. 119–125.
 23. "Models of the Mind: Metaphysical Presuppositions of the Averroist and Thomistic Accounts of Intellection." *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale* 15 (2004): 319–52.
 24. "Soul and Intellect in Arabic Philosophy." *The Cambridge Companion to Arabic Philosophy*, ed. Richard Taylor and Peter Adamson. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. Pp. 308–326.
 25. "Knowledge (*ilm*) and Certitude (*yaqīn*) in Al-Fārābī's Epistemology." *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 16.1 (March 2006): 11–46.
 26. "Introduction," to Al-Fārābī, *Deo 'teihem shel anshei ha-ir ha-meu'la (The Perfect City)* Hebrew translation by Ahmad Ighbariyah. Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv University Press, 2007. Pp. 7–30. (Hebrew translation of #10 above.)
 27. "Avicenna on Self-Awareness And Knowing that One Knows." In S. Rahman, T. Hassan, T. Street, eds., *The Unity of Science in the Arabic Tradition*, pp. 63–87. Dordrecht: Springer Science, 2008.
 28. "Al-Fārābī on Meno's Paradox." In P. Adamson, ed., *In the Age of al-Fārābī: Arabic Philosophy in the Fourth/Tenth Century*. London: Warburg Institute, 2008. Pp. 15–34.
 29. "Reason reflecting on Reason: Philosophy, Rationality and the Intellect in the Medieval Islamic and Christian Traditions." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 83 (2009):41–59.
 30. "The Nature of Intellect." *The Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy*. Ed. Robert Pasnau. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. Pp. 320–333.
 31. "Averroes on Spirituality and Intentionality in Sense Perception." *In the Age of Averroes: Arabic Thought at the End of the Classical Period*. Ed. P. Adamson, London: Warburg Institute Publications, 2011. Pp. 159–74.
 32. "Intentionality in Medieval Arabic Philosophy." *Later Medieval Perspectives on Intentionality*, special

issue of *Quaestio* 10 (2010): 65-81.

33. "Avicenna's 'Vague Individual' and its Impact on Medieval Latin Philosophy." In *Vehicles of Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures*, ed. C. Fraenkel, R. Wisnovsky, F. Wallis, and J. Fumo. Turnhout: Brepols, 2012. Pp. 269-302.
34. "Avicenna on Individuation, Self-Awareness, and God's Knowledge of Particulars." In R. Taylor, I. Omar, eds. *The Judeo-Christian-Islamic Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives*. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2012. Pp. 255-81.
35. "Rational Imagination: Avicenna on the Cogitative Power." In Jörg Tellkamp and Luis Xavier López Farjeat, eds. *Philosophical Psychology in Medieval Arabic and Latin Aristotelianism*. Paris: J. Vrin, 2013. Pp. 59-81
36. "Certitude, Justification, and the Principles of Knowledge in Avicenna's Epistemology" In *Interpreting Avicenna: Critical Essays*. Ed. P. Adamson. Cambridge University Press, 2013. Pp. 20-142
37. "Individuation and Immortality." Forthcoming in *The Blackwell History of Philosophy in the Middle Ages*. Ed. J. Inglis, D. Frank, T. Kukkonen.
38. "Abstraction and Emanation in Avicenna." Forthcoming in *Key Debates in Medieval Philosophy*. Ed. J. Hause. Routledge, 2013.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

1. *Finding the Middle Term: Finding the Middle Term: Intuitive Knowledge in the Medieval Interpretation of Posterior Analytics 1.34* (ca. 450 page).
2. *Islamic Philosophy*. For publication in the Ancient Philosophy Series of Acumen and the University of California Press.
3. *Cognition and the Brain in Medieval Philosophy: The Internal Senses*. Research grant for comprehensive philosophical study of the internal senses in medieval Arabic and Latin philosophy.

Translations

1. Collaboration with Michael Marmura (†) on English translation of Avicenna's *Shifā'*: *Kitāb al-naḥs* (*Healing: Psychology*).
2. Translation of Averroes' *Epitome of Aristotle's De anima*. (Draft of about 2/3 of the text completed; posted on my personal website).

Articles and Papers

In preparation:

1. Intentionality and the Knowledge of Separate Substances in Avicenna and Aquinas. Conference on Aquinas and Arabic Metaphysics, Würzburg, June 8, 2013.
2. "Material Representation: Avicenna's Account on the Nature of Sense Perception." *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale* 25 (2014).
3. "Intentions and Intentionality in Arabic and Islamic Philosophy." For *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
4. "Imagination, Particular Reason, and Memory: The Role of the Internal Senses in Human Cognition." Chapter for *A Companion to Medieval Cognitive Theory*, ed. R. Friedman and M. Pickavé. Leuven University Press.
5. "Varieties of Consciousness in Arabic Philosophy." For *Oxford Philosophical Concepts: Consciousness*, ed. A. Simmons.
6. "Faculties of the Soul." For *Encyclopaedia of Islam*. 3rd edition. Leiden: Brill.

Other Research

Articles:

1. Arabic Discussions of Meno's Paradox, especially Avicenna and Fārābī on the *Prior Analytics*.
2. Spinoza's *Experientia Vaga* and Avicenna's Vague Individuals
3. Avicenna on the Limits of Knowledge
4. Testimony in Islamic Philosophy
5. Internalism and Externalism in Medieval Islamic Epistemology
6. The Lesser of Two Evils? William of Auvergne and Thomas Aquinas's Critiques of Arabic Accounts of the Agent and Material Intellects
7. The *Species Intelligibiles* in Aquinas's Critiques of Rival Epistemologies
8. Emotions in Arabic Philosophy

Research Groups:

Member, *Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Working Group*, directed by Richard Taylor, Marquette University.

GRADUATE COURSES AND SUPERVISIONS

Graduate Courses Taught:

- 2000–2001 MST 3340F Imagination in Medieval Philosophy
MST 3321F Philosophy of Mind in the Middle Ages
- 2001–2002 MST 3346F Medieval Islamic Philosophy
MST 3320F Thomistic Epistemology
MST 3301S Themes in Medieval Philosophy
- 2002–2003 MST 3340F Imagination in Medieval Philosophy
MST 3346F Medieval Islamic Philosophy
MST 3301S Themes in Medieval Philosophy
- 2003–2004 MST 3301F Themes in Medieval Philosophy
- 2004–2005 MST 3301F Themes in Medieval Philosophy
MST 3346S Medieval Islamic Philosophy
- 2005–2006 MST 3301F Themes in Medieval Philosophy
MST 3345S Prophets and Philosophers: Theories of Prophecy in the Medieval Islamic, Jewish and Christian Traditions.
- 2008-09 MST 3346F Medieval Islamic Philosophy
- 2009-10 MST 3311S Topics in Medieval Metaphysics: Avicenna's *Metaphysics* in the West
- 2010-11 MST 3321F Philosophy of Mind in the Middle Ages: Avicenna and Averroes on the Soul
- 2012-13 MST 3346F Medieval Islamic Philosophy: The Philosophy of Avicenna

Theses Supervised:

Pontifical Institute:

Paul Dumol. "The Metaphysics of Reading Underlying Dante's *Commedia*." 1993
(MSL degree; pre-doctoral)

Post-Doctoral Fellows:

Gyongyi Hegedus, Ph.D. "Where is Paradise? Eschatology in Early Medieval Islamic and Judaic Thought." 2002 (LMS degree, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies)

University of Toronto(Ph.D.):

Paul Dumol. "The Metaphysics of Reading Underlying Dante's *Commedia*: The *Ingegno*." (with A. A. Iannucci). October 1994

Brian Shanley. "Thomas Aquinas on God's Eternal Knowledge of the Future." September 1994

Carl Still. "Aquinas's Theory of Human Self-Knowledge." May 1999

Jae Kyung Lee. "Thomas Aquinas and the Thirteenth-Century Monopsychism Controversy." August 2000.

Kara Richardson. "The Metaphysics of Agency: Avicenna and his Legacy. August 2008 (with Marleen Rozemond).