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Curriculum Vitae

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Deputy Editor, *Islamic Studies* (an international double-blind peer-reviewed research journal of Islamic Research Institute, IIUI) and Head, Department of Quranic Studies

| Work Experience | | |
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| Date | Position held | Institution |
| January 2019 – to date | Head, Department of Qur’anic Studies/ In-Charge Publications | Islamic Research Institute (IRI) International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad |
| January 2013 – to date | Deputy Editor: <i>Islamic Studies</i> (An international double-blind peer reviewed research journal of X- Category) | IRI, IIU, Islamabad |
| June 2004 – to date | Lecturer, Department of Fiqh and Law | IRI, IIU, Islamabad |
| Sep. 2009 – April 2016 | Course Lecturer Modern Standard Arabic and Urdu Languages | Institute of Islamic Studies McGill University, Canada |
| Nov. 2008 – Aug. 2009 | Visiting Research Associate | Institute of Islamic Studies McGill University, Canada |
| May – Nov. 2008 | Visiting Scholar | Faculty of Law The University of British Columbia, Canada |
| Sep. 2007 – April 2008 | Visiting Lecturer | Faculty of Shari’ah and Law, IIU Islamabad |
| March – June 2006 | Resource Person for “Developing Research Skills workshops” under NAHE | Higher Education commission, Islamabad |
| March 1999 to June 2004. | Lecturer Islamic Studies | Govt. Colleges of Sangla Hill, Narang Mandi and Phool Nagar |

| Education | | |
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| Degree | Year | Institution |
| Ph.D. Islamic Law | 2020 | McGill University, Canada |
| M.A. Islamic Studies | 2012 (fast forwarded to PhD) | McGill University, Canada |
| M.Phil. Islamic Studies/ Islamic law | 2003 | Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of the Punjab, Lahore |
| M.A (Islamic Studies) | 1998 | Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of the Punjab, Lahore |
| B.A. (Hons) Islamic Studies & Arabic | 1997 | Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of the Punjab, Lahore |
| Preparatory Certificate in Islamic Studies and Arabic | 2002 | Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt |
| Certificate of Special Studies in Advanced Arabic Language | 2001 | Center for Arabic Language, Ministry of Higher Education, Cairo, Egypt |
| Certificate in Islamic Call & Arabic Language | 2000 | Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt |

Proficiency in languages

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| ❖ Arabic (MSA) | near-native proficiency |
| ❖ Arabic (Egyptian colloquial) | near-native proficiency |
| ❖ English | near-native proficiency |
| ❖ French | Intermediate level fluency |
| ❖ Urdu | native language |
| ❖ Punjabi | mother Tongue |
| ❖ Persian | basic knowledge |

Academic Distinctions and Awards

- ◇ Awarded PhD fellowship from the Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Canada, 2012-2018.
- ◇ Fellowship with 100% expenses covered for IIIT Summer Student Program 2015 in International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon, Virginia USA.
- ◇ Distinction Award for Top performance in IIIT Summer Program 2015 consisting:
 - ◇ US\$ 1000 cash award
 - ◇ Funding for two international conferences in the United States; a) Harvard Law School, Cambridge, and b) College of the Holy Cross at Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
- ◇ Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, 2012-2017
- ◇ WYNG Trust Fellowship, McGill University, 2012-2015
- ◇ Won a Fellowship for the year 2008 to visit McGill University's Institute of Islamic Studies as Research Associate by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
- ◇ Higher Education Commission funded for paper presentation in Australia in 2006.
- ◇ Was nominated by the Education Department, Govt. of Punjab for Training Program for Arabic language Trainers under ISESCO in Morocco in June 2004.
- ◇ Got Scholarship for Arabic and Islamic Studies Program of Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt in 1999.
- ◇ Stood first and awarded scholarship in M.A. at Punjab University, Lahore in 1998.
- ◇ Stood first and awarded Gold Medal in B.A. (Hons.) in Islamic Studies and Arabic in 1997.
- ◇ Got scholarship in all three years of B.A. (Hons.) for top position, 1995-1997.
- ◇ Awarded scholarship in primary school certificate in 1987.

Publications and Research work

- **Books**

- a. *Paigham-e-Pakistan* [The Message of Pakistan], English Translation. (Islamabad: Islamic Research Institute, 2018) ISBN: [978-969-408-364-3](#) (A 111-page book representing opinions of all schools of thought represented in Pakistan on the subject of peace, tolerance and a just society)

- b. *To God Belong the Names Most Beautiful*. Edited second Edition. Published by Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad, 2018)
- c. *Aḥkām-i Nikāḥ*, [Muslim Marriage Law] Maṣādir Fiqh-i Islāmī Series. (Islamabad: Islamic Research Institute, Forthcoming.) (A monograph of 250 pages, based on classical Arabic literature of 10th to 15th centuries)
- d. Co-edited with Dr. Safir Akhtar the Arabic to Urdu translation of Wahba al-Zuhaylī's *Al-Fiqh al-Islāmī wa Adillatuhu*, Translated by Dr. Tufail Ahmad Hashimi, 2nd vol., 1200 pages. (Islamabad: Islamic Research Institute, 2009)

- **Chapters in Books**

- a. "Islāmī Nazriyātī Kōnsal: Tashkīl, Uslūb-i Kār awr Aham Fiqhī Āra" [Council of Islamic Ideology: Formation, Functions and Critical Analysis of its Collective Juristic Opinions], in *Ijtimā'ī Ijtihād Taṣawwur, Irtiqā' awr 'Amlī Ṣūrtaḡn*, edited by Muhammad Tahir Mansuri (Islamabad: Islamic Research Institute, 2007), pp. 267-310.
- b. "Therapeutic Jurisprudence in Pakistan: *Juvenile Delinquency & the Role of the Defense Lawyer*" in *Transforming Legal Process in Court and Beyond*, edited by Greg Reinhardt and Andrew Cannon AM, (Sydney: Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration, 2007), pp. 85-105.

- **Journal Articles**

- a. Muḥammad Ahmad Munir, Document "Paigham-e-Pakistan (The Message of Pakistan) II: National Narrative Counter to Violence, Extremism and Terrorism in an Islamic Perspective," *Islamic Studies* 58, no. 1 (2019): 127-148.
- b. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, "Islamic Juridical Discourse on Death: Is Brain Death a Modern Criterion of Death?," *Islamic Studies* 57, no. 3-4 (2018): 187-209.
- c. Muḥammad Ahmad Munir, Document "Paigham-e-Pakistan (The Message of Pakistan) I: National Narrative Counter to Violence, Extremism and Terrorism in an Islamic Perspective," *Islamic Studies* 57, no. 3-4 (2018): 299-309.
- d. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, "Dichotomy of Idealism and Realism: Islamic Legal Tradition between Modern and Postmodern Discourses," *Islamic Studies* 56, no. 1-2 (2017): 53-76.
- e. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, "A Critical Analysis of Reflective and Research Journals of Islamic Research Institute," ادارہ تحقیقات اسلامی کے فکری و تحقیقی مجلات کا تنقیدی جائزہ *Fikr-o-Nazar Islamabad* 55 no, 1-2 (2017): 135-207.
- f. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, An Introduction to "Hudūd Ordinance, Zina Ordinance 1979, Qazf Ordinance 1979 and the Protection of Women (Criminal Laws Amendment) Act, 2006," *Islamic Studies* 46, no. 1 (2007): 87-114.

- g. Muhammad Ahmad Munir “Qurbānī awr Daur-e-Jadīd ka ‘Amal” [Sacrifice and our Practices in Modern Age], *Rukn ul-Islam*, Hyderabad (Feb. 2005): 38-44.

- **Book Reviews**

- a. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, Review of Christopher Melchert, *The Formation of the Sunni Schools of Law: 9th–10th Centuries C.E.*, (Studies in Islamic Law and Society v. 4) (Leiden: Brill, 1997) published in *Islamic Studies* 55, no. 1-2 (2016): 193-96.
- b. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, Review of Sayed Aziz ur Rahman, *Hudood Ordinance: Haqeeqat aur Afsana*, published in *Fikro Nazar*, 45, no. 2 (2007): 127-34.
- c. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, Review of Zahoor Ahmad Azhar, *Diwan Baba Farid*, published in *Fikro Nazar*, 44, no. 1 (2006): 131-37.
- d. Muhammad Ahmad Munir, Review of Muhammad Amin, “مسلم نشأة ثانية اساس اور لائحہ عمل/ Resurgence of Muslims: Past and Future” published in *Fikro Nazar* 42, no. 3 (2005): 179-82.

- **Scholarly Articles Presented at National and International Conferences**

- a. “Debating Death: A Contemporary Islamic Juridical Position on Death.” Presented in MISSC 2nd Symposium on Islamic Studies - Interpretations, Investigations, and Iterations, held on 27-28 April 2012 at the Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Canada.
- b. “Unrestricted Public Interest (*Maṣlaḥa Mursala*): A Therapeutic Principle of Islamic Jurisprudence.” Presented in a conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence held in New York University, New York on June 28-July 4 2009.
- c. “Therapeutic Jurisprudence in the Context of Islamic Legal and Judicial System” Presented in a conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence held in Puerto Rico on 9-12 June 2008 under the auspices of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.
- d. “Therapeutic Jurisprudence in Pakistan: Juvenile Delinquency and the Role of Defense Lawyer.” Presented at 3rd International Conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence held on 6-9 June 2006 at Perth, WA, Australia by Australian Institute of Judicial Administration.
- e. “Collective *Ijtihād*: Concept, Evolution and Modern Applications” held on 19-21 March, 2005 at Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

- **Research in Progress / Forthcoming Publications**

- a. Development of *Khul'* Law: Legal, Judicial and Interpretive Trends in Pakistan [1939-2016]. PhD Dissertation at McGill University, Canada.
- b. Legal Compendium by way of Hadith Collection: Critical Description of Shiite Hadith-based Fiqh Manual *Man la Yahduruh al-Faqih* as preserved in Rare Books and Special Collection of McGill University
- c. Finding a Right Discourse for Da'wah in Western Europe: Problems in Language, Problems in Concepts
- d. Divorcing School Adherence: *Khul'* and the Consent of the Husband in Classical Sunni Schools of Law and the Case of Pakistan
- e. Therapeutic Jurisprudence in the Context of Islamic Legal and Judicial System
- f. The Rise of Sunnite-Hanafite Law School in the Ottoman Empire.
- g. Reflections on Rationalism and Spirituality in the Eighteenth-Century Farangi Mahalli Learning Tradition: Case Study of Nizamuddin Sihalwi, the Rationalist, and Shah 'Abdurrazzaq Bansawi, the Qadiri Sufi Shaykh. Research Paper at McGill University.
- h. Euthanasia (Mercy Killing): An Analytical Study of Western and Islamic Legal Discourses.
- i. Translated Articles from Arabic to Urdu from the book "معاملة غير المسلمين في الاسلام" / [Muslim non-Muslim Relations: An Islamic Perspective] by Muhammad Amin al-Qudat, published by Mu'assasa Al-i Bayt, Jordan. (Forthcoming, Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad.)

International Conferences and Trainings

- a. A two-day conference on "The Future of Scholarship on the Quran". Participated as discussant from IIIT on fellowship. Held on April 9-10, 2016 at the College of the Holy Cross at Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.
- b. International Conference on "Courts and Judicial Procedure in Early Islamic Law" Attended and participated as discussant as part of my fellowship from IIIT. Held on May 6, 2016 at Harvard Law School, Boston, USA.
- c. International Institute of Islamic Thought Summer Student Program 2015, with distinction and scholarship. Received fellowship for attending the Summer Program and was further awarded funding for two conferences on outstanding performance in the Program. Held in Herndon, Virginia USA

- d. MISSC 2nd Symposium on “Islamic Studies- Interpretations, Investigations, and Iterations” Paper presented. Held on 27-28 April 2012 at the Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Canada.
- e. International Conference on “Law and Mental Health” in the Panel of Therapeutic Jurisprudence, paper Presented. Held on 28 June – 4 July 2009 at New York University, New York, USA.
- f. International Conference on “Justice and Policing in Diverse Societies” by the City University of New York, Paper presented. Held on June 9-12, 2008 at San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- g. 3rd International Conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence. Paper Presented. Held on 7-9 June, 2006 at Perth, WA, Australia.
- h. Workshop on Developing Research Skills: A Qualitative Paradigm. 17-30 Nov 2005, Higher Education Commission, Govt. of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- i. International Conference on “Collective Ijtihad: Concept, Evolution and Modern Applications.” Paper presented and published. Held on 19-21 March, 2005 at Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Countries visited

- a. Australia
- b. Bahrain
- c. Canada
- d. Egypt
- e. Puerto Rico
- f. Saudi Arabia
- g. USA

References

- a. Prof. Pasha M. Khan, Associate Professor, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Canada pasha.m.khan@mcgill.ca
- b. Prof. Rula Jurdi Abisaab, Associate Professor, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Canada rula.abisaab@mcgill.ca
- c. Prof. Emerita Sajida Alvi, McGill University, Canada Sajida.alvi@mcgill.ca
- d. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia ul Haq, Director General, Islamic Research Institute International Islamic University, Islamabad muhammad.ziaulhaq@iiu.edu.pk

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