

## **Adam Gaiser**

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### **EDUCATION**

2005 – **Ph.D. History of Religions – Islamic Studies**

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

2002 – **M.A. History of Religions – Islamic Studies**

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

1997 – University of Virginia-Yarmouk University Summer Arabic Program,

Irbid, Jordan: Advanced level

1996 – UVA-Yarmouk University Summer Arabic Program: Intermediate level

1994 - **B.A. Religious Studies**

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Religion: 2006-Present  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

- Courses Taught: Islamic Traditions
  - Readings in Islamic Texts
  - Islam in the Modern World
  - Seminar on Shi'ite Islam
  - Seminar on Islamic Mysticism

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Religious Studies: 2005-2006

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts

- Courses Taught: Introduction to Islam
  - Islam and Politics: Islamic Sects
  - Islam in the Modern World
  - Islam in Europe and North America

**Lecturer**, Department of Religious Studies: Spring 2005  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

- Courses Taught: Islam in the Modern World

Seminar in Islamic Sectarianism  
Graduate Seminar in Arabic Readings  
**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

English – [native] speaking, reading, writing  
Arabic – [advanced] speaking, reading, writing  
Persian – [intermediate] speaking, reading, writing  
Russian– [intermediate/advanced] speaking; [intermediate]  
reading, writing  
German – [elementary] speaking, reading, writing  
Syriac – [elementary] speaking, reading, writing

**PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS**

“Satan’s Seven Spurious Arguments: al-Shahrastani’s *Kitab al-Milal wa’l-Nihal* in an Isma’ili context.” *Journal of Islamic Studies* (forthcoming).

“The Legend of Mar Qardagh,” Review article in *Church History* (2007).

Organizer of “Iran: Beyond the Islamic Republic” Conference, FSU, Spring 2007.

Lecture for Iran: Beyond the Islamic Republic Conference: “‘Ali Shari’ati: Between Marx and Muhammad.” FSU, Spring 2007.

Lecture for College of the Holy Cross Alumni Colloquium, Spring 2007: “The Religion of Islam and Islamic Sectarianism.”

Lecture for Middle East Studies Center Series *A Hot Summer in Lebanon and Israel*: “Political Islam,” Fall 2006

“Investing in Qatar,” on [www.MontleyFool.com](http://www.MontleyFool.com), 2006

“The Conflict in Darfur: a Short History,” on [www.damanga.org](http://www.damanga.org), 2006

“The Word Made Visible: Islamic Motifs in the Art of Ebru,”  
Lecture Presented, Cantor Gallery, College of the Holy Cross, Fall 2005

“The Problem of *Takfir* in Islamic History,” Lecture Presented  
University of Virginia Colloquium on Islam, Spring 2005

“Sirhindi’s Problem with Pure Consciousness,” Paper Presented  
SESCOR Conference, Fall 1997

“Hidaya,” “Houris,” “Hypocrite,” “Ilhad,” “Janaba,” “Kufa,” “Qaramita,”  
in *Oxford Dictionary of Islam*, (New York: Oxford, 2002)

Translation of “Boredom” by Muhsin al-Ramly, in Banipal: A Magazine  
of Modern Arabic Literature, Issue 8, Summer 2000.

“Abdullah Ansari of Heart (1006 –1089 CE): An Early Sufi Master,”  
Review in *Critique and Vision (Naqd u Aram)*, Vol. 7, Spring 1998

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

- FSU First Year Assistant Professor Grant 2007
- FSU Planning Grant 2007
- MESP Course Development Grant 2006
- University of Virginia, DuPont Fellowship 2001
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2000
- UVA School of Arts & Sciences, Governor’s Fellowship 1998-99
- Federal Language Scholarship (Persian) 1997-1998

### **PROJECTED COURSES**

- Islam in North America
- Islamic Theology & Philosophy
- Muhammad and the Qur’an

### **VOLUNTEER and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Jan. 2005 – Present: Advisory Board Member, DAMANGA Coalition for  
Freedom and Democracy (a Sudanese Human Rights Organization)  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Aug. 2002 – Aug. 2005: Volunteer, International Rescue Commission  
(IRC)  
Charlottesville, Virginia