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### EDUCATION

#### Catholic Theological Union

DMin, Practical Theology: Leadership & Ethics

June 2027

Advisor: Dr. Scott C. Alexander

#### The Islamic Seminary of America

MA, Islamic Studies, Religious Leadership

June 1, 2024

Advisor: Dr. James “Jimmy” Jones

#### Ashworth College

Norcross, GA

Undergraduate coursework in Psychology (incomplete)

3.67 GPA

#### Cambridge Islamic College

Diploma in Usul Al-Hadith and Hadith Studies

July 2019

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Tayba Foundation

Union City, CA

*Sr. Instructor*

September 2016 – Present

- Researching traditional books on `Aqida, Fiqh, Tasawwuf, and Adab in the Arabic language to provide answers to student questions and to write and edit textbooks for the Tayba curriculum.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Tayba Foundation

Union City, CA

*Sr. Instructor*

September 2016 - Present

- Grading essays, tests, and other special assignments while offering advice on students' academic and spiritual development, I also answer their questions about their coursework.
- I am actively working on editing and developing new and existing courses, as well as on Syllabus and curriculum development.

**MCC East Bay Navigators Boys Program**

2017 -2018

*High School Students Instructor*

- Youth Instructor for the High school-aged youth at MCC East Bay Community Center under the direction of Shaykh Rami Nsour. I would lead discussions and group activities to encourage and empower young men to focus on their character and moral standing as they serve others.

**Mahdara Al-Qiyaamah**

Savannah, GA

*Executive Director, Principal Instructor*

October 2014 - Present

- Private, online teaching and mentoring for the general Muslim public and students of knowledge.

**PUBLICATIONS, CHAPTERS, & BOOK REVIEWS****BOOKS**

- FIQH 100: Practical Legal Methodology, 2019 (co-authored)

**CHAPTERS**

- Our Beloved Prophets (AS), 2019 (Chapter in IMAN 100)
- Understanding The Angels (AS), 2019 (Chapter in IMAN 100)

**BOOK REVIEWS**

- An American Muslim Guide to the Art and Life of Preaching (Approved for publication in Journal of Islamic Fatih and Practice)
- In The Name Of Adab: Reflections On “The Ethics Of Disagreement”
- Mastering Our Emotions: Reflecting On “Emotional Intelligence”

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- Translation and commentary of Imam al-Haddad’s Risala al Mu’awwana
- In Search of Allah’s Faḍl: Internalizing an Ideology of Khidmah Through Servant Leadership As a Means of Achieving Spiritual Perfection
- Harvesting Good Examples of Leadership: Utilizing Traditional Learning, Spirituality, & Futūwah to Train Leaders
- Seeking The Means: Exploring Building Model Communities Focused On Holistic Da’wa and Multiethnic Socioeconomic Inclusion
- Misunderstandings Or Correct Attributions: Examining Modern Interpretations of The Prophet’s View Of Women

- With Good Measure, Faith, and Strong Feelings: Examining the Challenges Faced by African American Converts To Islam In an Effort to Build Communities
- Am I Good Enough: Exploring Kafā`ah/Kufi`a In Relation to Marriage, Dīn, and the State of Muslim Families.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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- IMAN 100 2016 - 2020
  - ADAB 100 2016 - 2020
  - ADAB 101 2016 - 2020
  - ADAB 102 2016 -Present
  - FIQH 100 2019 - Present
  - FIQH 101 2016 -Present
  - FIQH 102 2016 -Present
  - IHSN 101 2016 -Present
  - SIRA 101 2020 - Present
  - QRAN 101 2020 - Present
  - USUL 101 2020 - Present
  - HDTH 101 2020 - Present
  - IMAN 102/201 2016 -Present
  - MAIS-641 Contemporary Issues in the Muslim Ummah: Mass Incarceration (Guest Lecturer) 2021
  - Why Islam Is True 2024
  - Ramadan Lessons 1440/2019
- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqUf47IKfIQlqKhyJtiPe9FvnM0s1tr9q>
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## PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS, TALKS, & PODCASTS

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Williams College, March 6-7, 2025 (Series of talks with Ustadh Amin Anderson)

- "Ramadan Behind Bars" with Tayba Foundation
  - Gratitude in Ramadan: with Shaykh Amin Anderson and Ustadh Abdul Muhaymin Al Salim, March 6, 2025
  - "Education, Transformation, and Redemption in the US Prison System", March 6, 2025
  - Purple Bubble and its Neighboring Communities, March 7, 2025

- “The Forgotten Believers behind Bars: Our Social Responsibility within the Berkshires.”, March 7, 2025

### The American Muslim Podcast

- Redemption. Service. The Pursuit of Excellence. Ustadh Abdul Muhaymin Priester (2025)
  - <https://player.captivate.fm/episode/75198d72-31ab-4747-a3eb-0e0351f25821>

### Muslim Matters Interview:

- University Chaplain’s Perspective On Campus Protests (Parts 1-5)
  - <https://muslimmatters.org/2024/07/29/university-chaplains-perspective/> (pt.1)
  - <https://muslimmatters.org/2024/08/12/university-chaplains-perspective-2/> (pt. 2)
  - <https://muslimmatters.org/2024/08/25/university-chaplains-perspective-on-campus-protests-part-iii-why-zionists-were-given-the-land-of-palestine/> (pt. 3)
  - <https://muslimmatters.org/2024/09/04/university-chaplains-perspective-on-campus-protests-part-iv/> (pt. 4)
  - <https://muslimmatters.org/2024/09/23/university-chaplains-perspective-on-campus-protests-part-v/> (pt. 5)

### The Black Imams Roundtable:

- “Life After the University” (2024):  
[https://www.youtube.com/live/1Cs5qejvu-4?si=dwWFmQXoy20zB\\_WN](https://www.youtube.com/live/1Cs5qejvu-4?si=dwWFmQXoy20zB_WN)
- “A Talk With Tayba Pt. 1 & 2 (2021):  
Pt. 1: <https://www.youtube.com/live/nDkJn899LQw?si=KdweEwXnTppTQp>  
Pt. 2: [https://www.youtube.com/live/7NEKgZ3cDJw?si=IlPagrKKXJx\\_z05E](https://www.youtube.com/live/7NEKgZ3cDJw?si=IlPagrKKXJx_z05E)

### NPR Interview, July 12, 2021:

“There Are 11,073 Muslims In Federal Prisons But Just 13 Chaplains To Minister To Them”  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/12/1014823399/muslim-chaplains-federal-prisons-islam-religion-shortage>

### Tayba Talks Series:

- The Oppressor and the Oppressed Tayba Series, 2020  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg98qjQzFGkwRkDvSSONh1u-XHz9p8gMt&si=F105ev5xReKcWD-X>

- **Ramadan Video Series, 2018**

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg98qjQzFGkxsxVBDGwmlDfj8Sg2gmfRc&si=kBNeOnDQ0xc2rAtF>

### **Black Muslim Psychology Conference, July 2019**

- Changing The Narrative: How Tayba Foundation's "El Hajj Malik Shabazz Distance Learning Program" Has Helped to Liberate The Incarcerated African-American Muslim Convert (Pre and Post-Release)  
(Presentation with Ustadh Tabari Zahir)

### **Creative Coast News Article:**

- "Walking the Fifth Ward with Solidarity in Savannah," January 27, 2016  
<https://www.connectsavannah.com/community/walking-the-fifth-ward-with-solidarity-in-savannah-3164513>

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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- Community Partnership Scholarship Award (TISA-Tayba Scholar) 2024

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- Basira Education Kalam 3.0 Training (\$2700) 2025
  - Warich Scholarship (Full scholarship for Catholic Theological Union Doctoral program, \$14,520 for 2024-2025; \$11,964 for 2025-2026)
  - Burhan Foundation STAR Fund program for Why Islam Is True Teacher Training (\$1800) 2023
  - Tayba Scholar Scholarship (Full scholarship for the TISA Master's program, \$28,500) 2022 - 2024
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## **LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH**

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- Savannah ARCS Task Force June 2020  
The ARCS Task Force is tasked with facilitating the successful inclusion of people who have been impacted by the justice system back into the community. We have also been tasked with developing policies and initiatives that will help to ensure they have an honest chance at success.

I sit on the Core Council and 3 of the Subcommittees tasked with crafting the vision and objectives of the Core group: Economic Empowerment, Public Policy, and Community Education.

- Savannah CARES Task Force July 2020  
The Savannah CARES Task Force is responsible for reviewing the emergency services in the City of Savannah, starting with the Savannah Police. We are tasked with reviewing the use of force and behavior since the demerger of the Metro Police force. We will assess and make our recommendations to the Police Chief, City Manager, and the Mayor's office for all emergency services in the City.
  - Solidarity in Savannah October 2015 - March 2016  
A Violence Abatement program that used the Cure Violence model, which centers on the public health approach to addressing violence in Savannah, GA.
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Association of Muslim Chaplains 2023 - Present
- American Academy of Religion 2024 - Present
- International Association for the History of Religions 2024 - Present
- Association for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education 2025 - Present
- Institute for Theological Encounter with Science and Technology 2025 - Present

## Professional Certifications and Ijazat

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### Certifications

- Why Islam Is True Teacher Training - 2024
- Certified Islamic Finance Executive - 2023
- Whole Health Action Management (WHAM) Coach - 2020
- Certified Peer Specialist – Mental Health (CPS-MH) - 2019
- Advanced Management Certification - 2019
- Certified WRAP Facilitator – 2019
- John Maxwell Team Certified Coach, Speaker, & Trainer - 2019
- Achology Certified Life Coach - 2018

## Ijazat

- **`Aqida**
  - `Aqida al-Tahawiyya
  - `Aqida al-`Awwam
  - Jawhara al-Tawhid, Tuhfa al-Murid
- **Usul al-Fiqh**
  - Al-Khulasa fi Usul al-Fiqh
- **Hadith & Usul al-Hadith**
  - Nukhba al-Fikr, Nuzuha al-Nathar
  - Mishkāt al-Anwar (Ibn al-Arabi)
  - Shamā'il Muhammadiyya
  - Al-Arba'in al-Nawawi
  - Kitab al-Athar
  - Riyād al-Sālihīn
  - Adab al-Mufrad
  - Al-Arba'in on the Miracles of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (Nabahānī)
  - Mawlid of the Prophet ﷺ (Ibn Kathīr)
  - Al-Aqmar al-Nuraniyya

## REFERENCES

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